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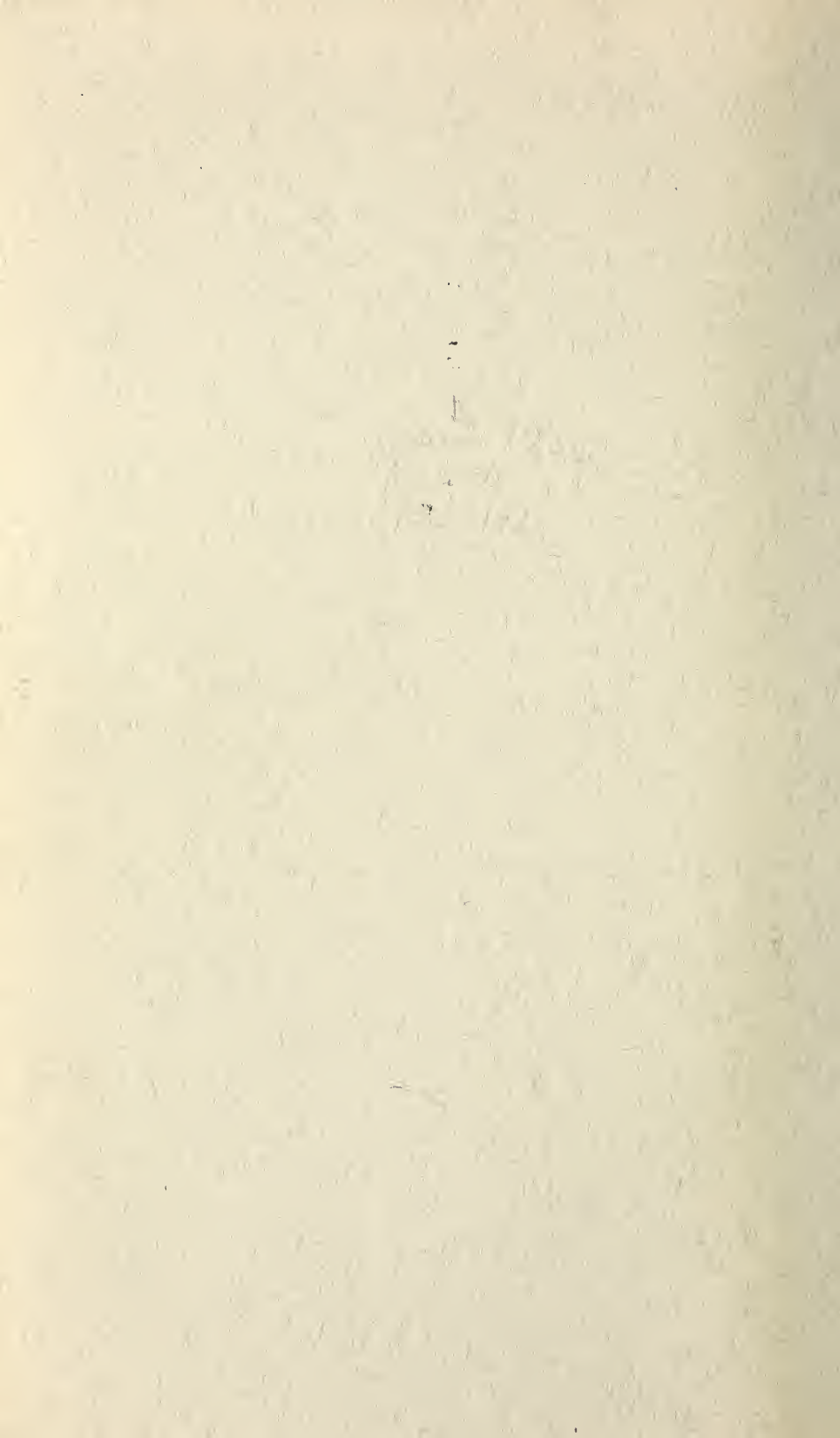
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DR. M. THERON RANKIN

This first volume of the minutes of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association is dedicated to Dr. M. Theron Rankin for whom the association is named.

Dr. Rankin was born in Newberry, S. C., in 1894. He attended Furman University one year and was graduated from Wake Forest College in 1918. He received the Th.M. degree from Southern Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., in 1921, the year he was appointed a missionary to China, and the Ph.D. degree in 1927 while home on his first furlough.

In 1935 the Foreign Mission Board elected Dr. Rankin Secretary for the Orient to supervise our Southern Baptist mission work in that part of the world.

In 1945 he began his work as Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board and continued in this place of leadership until his death on June 27, 1953.

Dr. Rankin is survived by his widow, the former Valleria Greene, who was born in China to missionary parents, and two daughters, Mrs. John McMillan of Richmond, Va., and Mrs. Tom McCullough of Louisville, Ky.

Directory of Association

1956-57

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(Other officers not yet elected.)	

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Church	Laymen	Address
Brookford—	R. S. Bolick.....	Brookford
Catawba—	R. M. Morrow.....	Catawba
Claremont—	Walter A. Watts.....	Conover
Conover*—	Ross Yount.....	Route 1, Conover
Corinth—	J. D. Wilson.....	Route 3, Vale
Hickory, Calvary—	John L. Seitz.....	Route 1, Hickory
Hickory, Community—	Clyde F. Helton.....	P. O. Box 170, Hickory
Hickory, East Hickory—	Russell R. Fisher.....	134 15th Street, SE, Hickory
Hickory, First—	C. W. Broome.....	26 5th Avenue, NW, Hickory
Hickory, Highland—	V. H. White.....	P. O. Box 355, Hickory
Hickory, Longview—	Fred Cochran.....	752 8th Street, SW, Hickory
Hickory, Oakland Heights—	Carl King.....	714 10th Street Blvd., NW, Hickory
Hickory, Penelope—	Clyde T. Robinson.....	1452 1st Avenue, NW, Hickory

<i>Church</i>	<i>Laymen</i>	<i>Address</i>
Hickory, Temple—Dewey Berry	924 15th Street, NW, Hickory
Hickory, Viewmont—Bobby Davis	2225 2nd Street, NE, Hickory
Hickory, West Hickory,—A. E. Gabbard	422 11th Street, SW, Hickory
Hildebran, First—Perry Abernethy	Hildebran
Icard—S. A. Carswell	Icard
Mountain Grove—Tom Stewart	Route 1, Hickory
Newton, First—D. M. Brunson	2057 N. College Avenue, Newton
Newton, North—D. O. Benfield	434 E. 20th Street, Newton
Oxford Community*—R. E. Hedrick	Route 1, Conover
Oyama—C. Ray Starnes	Route 2, Conover
Providence—M. S. Brittan	Route 4, Hickory
Sandy Ridge—Earl Bumgarner	Route 3, Hickory
Startown—Clarence Smith	1507 N. Frye Avenue, Newton
Sweetwater—Ernest C. Robinson	Route 3, Box 363, Hickory
Warlick's—Leon Lowman	Route 2, Connelly Springs
Wayside—Ed Cook	Route 1, Hickory

*Indicates the name last submitted, where no name was submitted for the incoming year.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

1. This association has no Baptist school, hospital, encampment, orphanage, state or south-wide agency or board located within its borders.

2. There is no W. M. U., Sunday School, Training Union or Brotherhood meeting during the sessions of our association. All these meet at some other time. No minutes of their meetings were furnished the clerk for publication except the W. M. U. Information on their work can be found in their reports to this body.

3. The calendar of activities of the association is incomplete at this time but will be issued at a later date.

4. Reports to this session of the association are found in the section immediately following the Proceedings of Association and bear the name of chairman of the committee only.

5. In the Proceedings of the Association no mention is made of a motion for the adoption of reports. The fact that they appear in the minutes prove their adoption.

LIST OF MESSENGERS

BROOKFORD (3) Mrs. W. C. Laney, Miss Eula Mae Spencer, Mrs. H. F. Wallace
CATAWBA (4) Mrs. George Trollinger, Mrs. S. C. Wike, H. A. Witherspoon, Mrs. Henry Witherspoon.

CLAREMONT (3) Mrs. Doyle Benfield, Mrs. James M. Sigmon.

CONOVER (3)

CORINTH (5) R. W. Abernethy, C. S. Rhoney, C. V. Stallings, Mrs. Ray Stallings, Velma Stallings.

HICKORY:

CALVARY (4) Mrs. P. A. Butler, Mrs. John Seitz, Mrs. Lee Seitz, Mrs. W. W. Marr.

COMMUNITY (3)

EAST HICKORY (5) Mrs. E. D. Canipe, Mrs. Celia Friar, Mrs. T. W. Nelson.

FIRST (16) David L. Allen, Mrs. R. Knolan Benfield, Mrs. M. S. Crapps, Mrs. L. P. Frans, Donald Greene, J. D. Greene, Mrs. J. D. Greene, Mrs. W. H. Ingold, A. F. Jones, Mrs. E. C. Link, Mrs. R. J. Mangum, Mrs. T. P. Pruitt, W. D. Slemph, Mrs. W. T. Stevenson, Mrs. J. E. Wells, Dr. W. D. Yelton.

HIGHLAND (10) W. B. Duncan, Mrs. W. B. Duncan, Mrs. A. C. Ogren, M. C. Turbyfill, Mrs. M. C. Turbyfill, V. H. White, Mrs. V. H. White, Rev. Victor L. Andrews.

LONGVIEW (5) Mrs. Richard Good, Mrs. J. C. Land.

OAKLAND HEIGHTS (3) Mrs. Lee R. Brooks, Mrs. Anderson Cole, Gorden W. Kanupp.

PENELOPE (11) John S. Hildebran, Mrs. John S. Hildebran, Mrs. J. D. McCray, Mrs. O. Jack Murphy, Henry D. Starnes, Mrs. Henry Starnes, E. S. Teague.

TEMPLE (5) Mrs. L. B. Bivins, Mrs. A. R. Harwell, Mrs. Cecil Mull, E. F. Sullivan, Mrs. E. F. Sullivan.

VIEWMONT (10) A. T. Fox, C. G. Fox, Mrs. Carroll Moser, Mrs. H. G. Taylor, Mrs. P. E. Teague, Mrs. Albert A. Young, Charles Ray Yount.

WEST HICKORY (12) Walter Cannon, Miss Helen Cater, Mrs. J. E. Day, Mrs. Fritz D. Hemphill, Mrs. Plez Herman, Boyd L. Matheson, Mrs. Boyd L. Matheson, Mrs. A. W. Morris, Rev. J. Louis Price, Mrs. A. A. Rowe.

HILDEBRAN, FIRST (7) Howard Abernethy, J. P. Abernethy, Mrs. J. P. Abernethy, Jones Abernethy, Mrs. Jones Abernethy, Ray Childers, Mrs. Charlie Johnson.

ICARD (5) S. A. Icard, Ben Epps, Mrs. Eugene Glass, W. D. Justice, Mrs. A. V. Ledford.

MOUNTAIN GROVE (5) Mrs. Vernon Connell, C. S. Echerd, Mrs. G. F. Huffman, Mrs. A. C. Leatherman, Mrs. A. P. Whitener.

NEWTON:

FIRST (10) Mrs. D. M. Brunson, Lee R. Furr, Mrs. C. D. Jessup, Mrs. W. R. Stevenson, Mrs. R. E. Vickers, Miss Emilyn Wagner, Mrs. Charles S. Wilson.

NORTH (6) Paul E. Benfield, Mrs. Carl Hefner, Mrs. James R. Helvey, Jerrel Stewart, Mrs. Fred Tate.

OXFORD COMMUNITY (3) Mrs. S. C. Harrison, Jr., Avery Minton, Mrs. Gerald Pope.

OYAMA (3) Mrs. Sara Bustle, Mrs. D. D. Granger, Mrs. Marshall Hoyle.

PROVIDENCE (4) Mrs. Gladys Cline, Mrs. Lola Huffman, Mrs. Russell Schrum.

SANDY RIDGE (5) Mrs. H. F. Edwards, Mrs. J. W. McMillan, Mrs. Guy Martin, Mrs. V. C. Martin.

STARTOWN (3) Forrest Bumgardener, Mrs. Forrest Bumgardner, Earl Keener.

SWEETWATER (3) Mrs. E. R. Caldwell, Edwin L. Davis, Mrs. John Eller.

WARLICK'S (5) E. T. Berry, John Chapman, A. A. Crump, Grady Reese.

WAYSIDE (3) Hugh Bolick, Ed Cooke, Ray Kirby.

ORGANIZATION OF THE THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Following the decision of South Fork Association on October 7, 1955 to organize two associations, a call session was held November 6, 1955 at 2:30 P.M. at First Church, Maiden. At that time twenty-four churches secured letters from South Fork and at 3:00 P.M. this group moved to East Maiden Church to form the new association.

The meeting was opened with the singing of the hymn, "Lead On, O King Eternal." Roger E. Williams, Jr., of Highland Church read Psalms 103 and R. Knolan Benfield led in prayer.

A list of the churches forming the new association was read as follows; Bethany, Brookford, Catawba, Claremont, Conover, Corinth, Calvary, Community, East Hickory, Hickory First, Highland, Longview, Oakland Heights, Penelope, Temple, Viewmont, West Hickory, Icard, Mountain Grove, Newton First, North Newton, Oxford Community, Oyama, Providence, Sandy Ridge, and Warlick's. Twenty-four of these churches came from South Fork and two, Bethany and Icard, from South Mountain Association. Sweetwater Church came under the watch care from South Fork Association.

A motion was adopted that the messengers assembled from the churches be organized into a deliberating body.

Fritz D. Hemphill was unanimously elected as Moderator, Roger E. Williams, Jr. as Vice-Moderator and Miss Helen Cater as Clerk. James M. Wilder was elected Treasurer.

A motion to form an Executive Committee following the same pattern as the South Fork Executive Committee to serve during this year was passed.

A motion that the moderator appoint a committee on Committees was adopted. These were named: R. Knolan Benfield, Chmn., Albert A. Young, B. R. Holbrook, James M. Wilder, Alfred J. Abernethy.

Following some discussion as to a name for the association, it was decided to refer the naming of the association to the Executive Committee. (At the November 29, 1955 Executive Committee meeting the name, "Theron Rankin Baptist Association," was chosen by ballot.)

It was voted to hold the first Executive Committee meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 29th, at Oyama Church at 7:30.

By common consent it was decided to call a meeting of the Association by order of the Executive Committee to elect the officers, adopt a budget, etc. An offering amounting to \$71.25 was taken.

A motion was adopted that the Pastors give a list of names of the messengers from their church attending this meeting to the clerk.

By official action it was decided that charter membership be received through the next call meeting of this body.

W. W. Marr led in the closing prayer.

CONSTITUTION

Adopted October 25, 1956

Article I. NAME

This body shall be known as the Theron Rankin Baptist Association.

Article II. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the association shall be to devise and implement plans for the enlargement and accomplishment of the missionary enterprise of the member churches through fellowship and cooperation with each other. The association shall seek to recommend measures for the increased harmony and spiritual power of member churches. It shall provide an organizational framework for the promotion of the cause of missions, including education and evangelism, through the program sponsored by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Article III. ARTICLES OF FAITH

The articles of faith of this association, which shall be the basis of fellowship and cooperation, are those adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis, May 14, 1925.

Article IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The association shall be composed of the Missionary Baptist Churches which are members of the present association.

Section 2. The association shall receive into its fellowship and program such other Missionary Baptist Churches as adhere to the teachings of the Bible as expressed in the Articles of Faith of the association, subscribe to the constitution and by-laws of the association, and support the Southern Baptist and North Carolina Baptist Missions program.

Section 3. The association shall withdraw fellowship from member churches upon their continual refusal to cooperate in the accomplishment of the objective of the association.

Article V. MEETINGS

Section 1. The association shall meet in regular session annually for two days in one or more of its member churches for the purpose of transacting the business of the association and for the inspiration of member churches in the support of the cause of missions.

Section 2. Upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Moderator shall call special meetings of the association when necessary with adequate notice to all member churches.

Section 3. Meetings of the association organizations, i. e., Sunday School, Baptist Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood, shall be held during the associational year under the leadership of the associational officers. The purpose of these meetings shall be the promotion of the missionary enterprise through the work of the individual organizations.

Article VI. OFFICERS

The officers of the association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Historian, Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, W. M. U. President, Brotherhood President, Director of Music and three Trustees.

Article VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

The standing committees of the association shall be as follows: Executive, Nominating, Program, Membership, Resolutions, Extension, Finance, Time and Place and Christian Life.

Article VIII. AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended on the first day of the annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the messengers present provided that such amendment, alteration or repeal shall have been presented in writing at the previous annual meeting.

BY-LAWS

Article I. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Application from Missionary Baptist Churches desiring membership in the association shall be in the hands of the membership committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting. This committee shall report on the first day of the annual meeting. Messengers of the applying churches may be seated upon its acceptance into the membership of the association by two-thirds majority vote.

Section 2. Member churches, at the close of the associational year, shall send annually to the association a report relative to the location, dates of preaching, membership, baptisms, revivals and other information. Forms for the gathering of this information will be furnished by the clerk of the association.

Article II. MEETINGS

Section 1. The annual meeting of the association shall be held on Thursday and Friday following the third Sunday in October.

Section 2. The association year shall close on September 30.

Section 3. Reports to the annual meeting of the association, with the exception of the report of the Executive Committee, shall be limited to 300 words.

Section 4. Parliamentary procedure of all meetings of the association and its Executive Committee shall be in accordance with Kerfoot's "Parliamentary Practice."

Section 5. Business sessions of the association shall be composed of messengers from the member churches. Each member church shall send three messengers for the first 100 members of the church and one messenger for each additional 100 members or major fraction thereof.

Article III. ELECTION AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers of the association shall be elected by majority vote. The Moderator and Vice-Moderator shall be nominated from the floor. Other officers

shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. Nominations by the Nominating Committee, however, shall not preclude nominations from the floor. All officers shall assume their duties at the close of the annual meeting. Vacancies occurring between meetings of the association shall be filled by the Executive Committee upon nomination from the Nominating Committee.

Section 2. The Moderator shall preside over the annual meetings of the association and all meetings of the Executive Committee. He may, by fraternal visitation, counsel and advise with the churches regarding the work of the association during the year. He shall not be eligible to succeed himself after the third successive term. He is ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 3. The Vice-Moderator shall assist the Moderator in ways designated by the Moderator.

Section 4. The Clerk shall keep all records of the association, distribute report blanks to the clerks of member churches, make accurate record of the proceedings of the body in session, and prepare and issue the minutes as soon as possible after the annual meeting of the association. He shall also serve as Clerk of the Executive Committee.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall receive, deposit and disburse all funds of the association as designated by the association or its Executive Committee. He shall report quarterly to the Executive Committee and present an audited report at the annual meeting of the association. The Treasurer shall calculate the quota of each church in the support of the budget according to the financial plan of the association and notify member churches as to the amount of their quota.

Section 6. The Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, W. M. U. President and Brotherhood President shall promote the work of their respective organizations, lead educational and inspirational meetings for their organizations, and encourage the organization of new units in the member churches of the association.

Section 7. The Director of Music shall assist in developing better music in member churches. He shall be responsible for the music at all meetings of the association and its Executive Committee; leading the music, providing accompaniment and arranging for special music.

Section 8. The Trustees shall be the legal representatives of the association in all matters relating to law, sign all legal documents as directed by the association and/or the Executive Committee. They shall have the power, under instructions of the association and/or the Executive Committee, to hold, buy, sell and convey property, both real and personal and to sign all papers necessary for the purchase of conveyance. The Trustees shall administrate the Scholarship fund.

Section 9. The Historian shall record as a part of the permanent record of the association those facts and events that are of historical value to the association.

Article IV. ELECTION AND DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. All standing committees of the association, with the exception of the Executive Committee, shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the messengers present at the annual meeting. All standing committees, with the ex-

ception of the Executive and Nominating Committees, shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee, shall be nominated from the floor.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Association, and the pastor and one layman from each church of the association. The officers of the association shall be the officers of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once quarterly on Friday following the fourth Sunday of the second month of each quarter. The duty of the Executive Committee shall be to conduct the affairs of the association between its annual meetings. It shall supervise the work of the standing committees of the association and be empowered to appoint such other temporary committees as are necessary for the effective carrying out of the work of the association.

Section 3. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members. It shall nominate the officers of the association, with the exception of the Executive and Nominating Committees.

Section 4. The Program Committee shall consist of five members, including the host pastor or pastors and associational Director of Music. This committee shall prepare and distribute to member churches a copy of the suggested program for the annual meeting at least 30 days before the meeting.

Section 5. The Membership Committee shall consist of five members. It shall receive and consider all petitionary letters regarding churches seeking membership in the association. It shall investigate and make recommendations concerning any complaints relative to the fellowship and cooperation of member churches.

Section 6. The Resolutions Committee shall consist of five members. It shall draft all resolutions directed to it and others as it deems wise.

Section 7. The Extension Committee shall consist of five members. The work of this committee shall be to discover places for mission churches.

Section 8. The Finance Committee shall consist of four members and the Treasurer as ex-officio chairman. This committee shall prepare a proposed budget for the association. It shall also recommend a financial plan for subscribing the budget.

Section 9. The Place and Preacher Committee shall consist of five members. It shall receive invitations and recommend places for the annual meeting of the association. It also shall recommend a preacher and an alternate for the annual sermon.

Section 10. The Christian Life Committee shall consist of five members. It shall keep abreast of the moral level of the life of the community. It shall lead the association in Christian conduct, cooperating with other groups, such as, The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, The Allied Church League, the Citizens' Committee for Good Government, working for the moral improvement of the Christian life of the community.

Article V. AMENDMENTS

The By-Laws may be altered or amended at any business session of the association by two-thirds vote of the messengers present provided that a minimum of 30 days notice has been given to each of the member churches.

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

October 25, 1956

Hickory, First Church

1. The Theron Rankin Baptist Association convened for its First Annual session with Hickory, First Church. The session was opened by singing several hymns with Mrs. L. P. Frans directing the music and Mrs. Perry Starnes at the piano. R. Knolan Benfield, the host pastor, extended a welcome. He also read from Luke 24 and led in prayer.

2. The Moderator announced the first annual meeting was in session and ready to transact business. R. Lewis Beal, chairman of enrolment, reported 105 messengers and visitors had already registered. On motion it was voted that those already registered and those to register later constitute the First Annual Session.

3. R. Knolan Benfield presented the program for the sessions and made the motion to adopt the printed program as our order of business with the right to change as necessary. The program was adopted.

PROGRAM

Hickory, First

Thursday Morning

10:00 - Praise, Scripture, Prayer.....R. Knolan Benfield

10:15 - Organization, Business

Reports: Enrolment, Program, Constitution, Petitionary

Letters Committees

10:55 - Hymn

11:00 - Woman's Missionary Union Report.....Mrs. L. P. Frans

Message.....Mrs. Terry Smart

11:25 - Minister's Retirement Plan.....J. Louis Price

11:35 - Home For the Aging.....Berry Lafone

11:55 - Hymn

12:00 - Annual Sermon.....V. C. Martin

Alternate.....A. V. Ledford

12:35 - Lunch

Thursday Afternoon

1:45 - Praise, Scripture, Prayer.....Vernon L. Connell

2:00 - Sunday School Report.....	T. W. Nelson
Message.....	John C. Fletcher, Jr.
2:25 - Business:	
Executive Comm., Treasurer, Comm.;	
Digest of Church Letters	
2:50 - American Bible Society.....	C. L. Pickler
3:00 - Hymn	
3:05 - Christian Education Report.....	G. Troy Greenway
Message.....	Hoyt Blackwell
3:35 - Adjourn	

Thursday Evening

7:15 - Praise, Scripture, Prayer.....	Charles R. Yount
7:30 - Special Music.....	Hickory, First
7:35 - Brotherhood Report.....	V. H. White
Message.....	Ernest Kluttz, Jr.
8:00 - Evangelism.....	Albert A. Young
8:15 - Hymn	
8:20 - Foreign Mission Report.....	James M. Wilder
8:30 - Special Music.....	Hickory, First
8:35 - Missionary Address.....	Hubert K. Middleton, Chile
9:05 - Adjourn	

Hildebran, First

Friday Morning

9:45 - Praise, Scripture, Prayer.....	B. R. Holbrook
10:00 - Baptist Literature.....	Mrs. W. B. Duncan
Message.....	L. L. Carpenter
10:15 - Training Union.....	James Helvey
Message.....	Aubrey Hearn
10:40 - Hymn	
10:45 - Baptist Hospital.....	Mrs. J. E. Wells
Message.....	W. K. McGee
11:05 - Special Music.....	Hildebran
11:10 - The Christian Citizen.....	James Helvey
11:30 - Business	
11:40 - Hymn	
11:45 - Orphanage report.....	Ray Childers
Message.....	Roger Williams
12:20 - Lunch	

Friday Afternoon

1:30 - Praise, Scripture, Prayer.....	Larry Penley
1:40 - Reports, Auditor, Trustees, Resolutions Comm., Nominating Committee	
2:00 - Historian.....	E. F. Sullivan
2:10 - Home Missions Report.....	James Sigmon
2:20 - Hymn	
2:25 - Memorial Service.....	O. Jack Murphy
2:35 - Election of Officers, Business	
2:45 - State Missions Report.....	R. L. Ball
Message.....	M. A. Huggins
3:15 - Adjourn	

4. During the business session Robert W. Crapps, chairman of the Constitution Committee, presented the proposed constitution and, after a few changes, it was adopted as it appears in this issue of the minutes.

5. A motion that our association be called the Catawba Valley Association was overwhelmingly defeated.

6. T. W. Nelson brought the report of the Committee on Petitionary Letters recommending that Sweetwater, Startown and Wayside Churches be received into the association. A welcome was extended to those present from these churches, the moderator extending the hand of fellowship to each.

7. Recognition was given to the visitors present. The five new pastors in our association were recognized. They are T. W. Nelson, Robert W. Crapps, L. V. Connell, Gordon Taylor and J. D. Barber.

A roll call of the churches revealed that all churches were represented except Claremont and Conover. Claremont was represented the second day.

8. Following the singing of the hymn, "O Zion Haste," Mrs. L. P. Frans, W. M. U. Superintendent, gave her report and presented Mrs. Terry Smart, Hickory Divisional Chairman, who challenged all churches not having a W. M. S. to organize a Society.

9. J. Louis Price gave the report on the Minister's Retirement Plan.

10. Following presentation of the report on the Home for the Aging by Berry Lafone, James Hayes, Superintendent of our Homes for the Aging, spoke. He gave an appeal for support for the Homes from our churches.

11. A Calender of Activities for the association and a Digest of Letters was distributed. Announcement was made of the Associational Christian Service and Mission Study to be held at Hickory, First Church on November 26, 27.

12. Following singing of the hymn, "I've Found a Friend," A. V. Ledford read from Isaiah 9 and led in prayer. The annual sermon was brought by V. C. Martin using as his topic, "What Think Ye of Christ?"

13. A bountiful lunch was served by the host church during the noon hour.

Thursday Afternoon

14. The Afternoon session was opened with singing of hymns and V. L. Connell read the scripture from Col. 1 and led in prayer.

15. T. W. Nelson presented the Sunday School report.

16. The report of the Executive Committee was deferred until Friday. The Treasurer's report was presented by James M. Wilder in mimeograph form.

R. Knolan Benfield gave the report of the Finance Committee. This report was adopted.

17. A motion to delete Section 10 of Article IV in the Constitution as read during the morning session was adopted. (This was a recommendation by the Executive Committee.)

18. C. L. Pickler gave the report of the American Bible Society.

The congregation sang, "We're Marching to Zion."

19. A tribute was given to the late L. L. Hatfield who served for seventeen years as Moderator of South Fork Association. He has passed away since the last session.

20. G. Troy Greenway presented the report on Christian Education. Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, President of Mars Hill College, brought the message on Christian Education. He placed emphasis on Christian integrity and the important part of our Christian colleges in guiding our young people.

Thursday Evening

21. With Robin Gatwood leading and John Nininger at the organ, several hymns were sung. M. L. Hastings read from John 1 and led in prayer.

Registration through the afternoon session was 250.

The Senior Choir of Hickory, First Church under the direction of Mr. Gatwood sang "My God and I."

22. V. H. White brought the Brotherhood report and presented Ernest Kluttz, Jr., State Brotherhood President, who spoke on our Brotherhood work. He emphasized that laymen must help win the lost about us.

23. Albert A. Young brought a very challenging message on Evangelism using as a text, II Timothy 4: 1-2.

24. The hymn, "We've a Story To Tell To the Nations," was sung. James M. Wilder gave the Foreign Missions report. The choir sang beautifully, "Send Out Thy Light." The closing message was brought by H. K. Middleton, missionary to Chile, South America. He gave emphasis to the great world need and challenged us to see that need and to do something about it.

J. Louis Price led the closing prayer.

October 26, 1956

Friday Morning

Hildebran, First

25. With Mrs. L. P. Frans leading the music and Mrs. Willard Wycoff at the organ, several hymns were sung as the second day of the First Annual Session

was opened. B. R. Holbrook, host pastor, extended a welcome and read from Col. 1, leading in prayer. Total registration for Thursday was announced as 334.

26. James Helvey gave the Training Union report and presented C. Aubrey Hearn, from the Training Union department of the Southern Baptist Convention who spoke to this report.

27. Mrs. J. E. Wells brought the report of the Baptist Hospital. Dr. W. K. McGee from our Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem brought the message. He gave an interesting discussion on some of the work that our hospital is doing.

28. Following the singing of the hymn, "On Jordan's Stormy Banks," James Helvey spoke very convincingly on the Christian Citizen.

29. The Baptist Literature report was given by Mrs. W. B. Duncan. L. L. Carpenter, editor of the Biblical Recorder, brought a message.

30. The hymn, "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us," was sung. Registration for the day was announced as 166.

31. A motion was made that our minutes be dedicated to M. Theron Rankin and that R. Knolan Benfield write the dedication. This motion was adopted.

32. The Youth Choir of Hildebran, First, under the direction of Eddie Holbrook, sang the anthem, "Saviour, Thy Dying Love."

33. Ray Childers presented the report on our Baptist Orphanages. Two children under foster home care of our Orphanage were presented. Roger E. Williams brought a message.

34. O. Jack Murphy led the prayer. A bountiful lunch was served by the host church.

Friday Afternoon

35. Larry Penley read from James 1 and led in prayer following the singing of hymns.

36. With Albert A. Young presiding, the following reports were called for: Auditor and Trustees, but these were not present, nor had they sent a report.

R. Knolan Benfield brought the report of the Nominating Committee and those presented were elected.

James Helvey gave the Resolutions Committee report.

Fritz D. Hemphill gave the report of the Executive Committee.

37. With the Moderator again presiding, E. F. Sullivan gave the Historical report.

38. It was voted to include the minutes of the First Annual Session of the Woman's Missionary Union of our association in the printed minutes.

39. After the singing of the hymn, "I Need Thee Every Hour," O. Jack Murphy led the Memorial service. He read a list of deceased. Mrs. Frans sang a solo and J. Louis Price led in prayer.

40. With E. F. Sullivan presiding, Fritz D. Hemphill was elected Moderator by acclamation. Albert A. Young was unanimously elected as Vice-Moderator.

41. With Mr. Hemphill presiding, it was voted that following nominations from the floor the five highest be elected as the nominating committee.

In accordance with the new constitution, these were nominated for the Nominating Committee: G. S. Robinson, J. D. Greene, M. L. Hastings, James Helvey, Mrs. Horace Hooks. These were elected.

42. Since the Time, Place and Preacher Committee did not have a report ready they were instructed to get this information to the Clerk as soon as possible to be included in the minutes.

43. R. L. Ball gave the State Missions report. Dr. M. A. Huggins brought a message giving stress to the value of the Cooperative Program in aiding to carry out the Great Commission.

Fritz D. Hemphill led in the closing prayer. This First Annual Session proving to be very inspirational to all attending.

REPORTS

REPORT OF CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

ROBERT W. CRAPPS

The Constitution and By-Laws committee submits as its report the proposed constitution and by-laws previously prepared for and approved by the Executive Committee of the Association and a copy of which is attached hereto.

It recommends that: This Constitution and By-Laws shall be considered adopted and in immediate effect when two-thirds of the messengers present at the annual meeting this date, October 25, 1956, shall vote in favor of it.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

MRS. L. P. FRANS

On January 29th, 1956, the Woman's Missionary Union of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association was organized with twenty-three churches enrolled and a membership of approximately 1,400.

Our watchword, "All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord," Psalm 22: 27, has been our guide for the year. It has been gratifying to see that increasingly the women and young people of our association are realizing the deep need of enlisting other women and young people in a definite missionary program.

Our work is going forward and many of the reports have been most revealing and inspiring.

Temple church entertained our first associational W. M. U. meeting. The attendance was good and the program inspiring. Mrs. John Lake of China was our guest speaker.

"Royal Service" is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary this year and we are happy to announce that we have two organizations with every member subscribing to this fine periodical, Claremont and Startown, our newest church.

Our Association was well represented at the Leadership Conference at Fruitland. Our associational conference was held in Newton on October 12th with 150 attending. Our leaders tried to glean information and inspiration to bring back to those who could not attend. A good number of our women attended the Regional meeting in Forest City on October 4th.

A scholarship to Shaw University is being continued to a local girl by our Woman's Missionary Union.

We feel honored to have two of our members, Mrs. R. K. Benfield elected to State Stewardship Chairman and Mrs. James M. Wilder as State Anniversary Chairman of Young Woman's Auxiliary.

With churches to be reached and women, boys and girls to be enlisted, "We press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

REPORT ON THE MINISTER'S RETIREMENT PLAN**J. LOUIS PRICE**

The 38th year of service for the Relief and Annuity Board closed in July of this year. It was organized in 1918 with a grant of \$100,000 from the Sunday School Board.

As of July of this year 787 from North Carolina are participating in the Minister's Retirement Plan. Of these, 232 are carrying the widows supplemental Annuity Plan.

Beginning with 1956 a new plan, the Southern Baptist Protection Plan is offered. It will be to the advantage of the younger pastors who are in the old plan to transfer to the new plan. This plan includes the widow's supplement and also provides better support in retirement than the old plan.

With the cooperation of the churches and the State Convention all pastors and layworkers have the opportunity to provide for their families in case of death or at retirement. Dues are payable by the member at the rate 5% of his salary up to \$4,000. This is matched by 5% from the Church and 5% by the State Convention.

Under the former Retirement Plan 80 now receive age annuities, 4 receive disability benefits and 36 widows receive benefits. These receive amounts that vary from small amounts up to \$125.00 monthly.

Another phase of the work of the Board is "Direct Relief" in grants to retired ministers or their widows who have had no opportunity to participate in any annuity program. These grants are very small and come from the Relief and Annuity Cooperative Program receipts.

The United States Government now includes ministers in its Social Security program. We would especially urge the older ministers to secure Social Security. For further information, one may consult the Social Security office in Hickory.

For further information about the Minister's Retirement Plan, write Rev. Ottis Hagler at 119 Hillsboro Street, Raleigh, N. C.

HOME FOR AGING**BERRY LAFONE**

The North Carolina Baptist Homes for the Aging began their sixth year of operation on March 16, 1956. There has been a great need in North Carolina for these Homes, Resthaven and Albemarle.

Construction of the Administration and Dormitory buildings began in February. These should be completed by the end of the year and ready for occupancy by February 1, 1957. North Carolina Baptists have good reason to be proud of this new building, which, when completed and equipped, will add one-half million dollars to the total value of the Homes. What is more encouraging, there is reason to believe that the total cost of the new buildings will be paid for by the time it is occupied if our 3,200 Baptist churches will respond with a generous Special Day offering on the third Sunday of February, 1957.

The added facilities of the new buildings will make it possible to care for 100 residents—20 at Resthaven, 36 at Albemarle Home and 44 in the new building. Of this number less than 10 will be part-time helpers. Moreover, a great ministry to our aging residents will be possible because of the extra facilities

in the new building. Among these will be ample space for craft-shops, sun parlors, library, infirmary and other additional features. The new building was well planned and will have up-to-date facilities.

These two Homes stay filled all the time. When a vacancy occurs there is always someone to take the place as there is a waiting list.

Special offerings and all gifts to date are \$88,400.03. The churches responding this year have increased and that is encouraging. There has been a large number of memorial gifts that range from \$300.00 to \$3,000.00. Also there was one special gift this year of \$1,378.00 to excavate a lake on the grounds.

Your Homes are doing all they can to minister to the needs of the residents in all possible ways.

North Carolina Baptists should keep in mind that their special offering and the share of the Nine Year Program received by the Homes help to make this ministry possible to all who come to the Homes.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

T. W. NELSON

The Bible teaches, "The entrance of Thy Word giveth light," and that "The Scriptures which are able to make thee wise unto salvation . . .;" —hence, the importance of the Bible teaching ministry of the Sunday School.

The Sunday Schools have proven themselves to be a great teaching, evangelistic, enlistment and financial agency of the churches. We rejoice in the growth and service of the Sunday Schools in our association. This year our Association reports 30 Sunday Schools; 11,162 Sunday School enrolment; 2 Standard Sunday Schools; 631 baptisms; 22 Vacation Bible Schools and an active Associational Sunday School organization. We have had issued to our association 1,326 Training awards.

The State Sunday School department reports a total of 3,215 Sunday Schools. The Sunday School enrolment at the close of 1955 was 724,463. The Sunday School department reported 2,700 Vacation Bible Schools in 1955 and 32,500 training awards were earned last year.

Our State goals for the new year are as follows: Enrolment gain, 40,000; Standard Sunday Schools, 66; New schools, 75; Churches reporting training, 1,300; No. Training Awards, 40,000; Vacation Bible Schools, 2,900; Moving up from Class to Dept. School, 125; Standard Associations, 10.

TREASURER'S REPORT

JAMES M. WILDER

RECEIPTS FROM CHURCHES

January 1, 1956-October 10, 1956

Church	Amount
Organizational Meeting	\$ 71.25
Brookford	56.90
Catawba	73.98
Claremont	22.68
Conover	
Corinth	67.50
Hickory:	
Calvary	
Community	48.12
East	93.60
First	765.45
Highland	301.77
Longview	89.78
Oakland Heights	29.88
Penelope	172.17
Temple	109.90
Viewmont	225.00
West	270.00
Hildebran, First	153.90
Icard	66.99
Mountain Grove	80.10
Newton, First	283.23
Newton, North	102.92
Oxford	
Oyama	30.96
Providence	51.00
Sandy Ridge	94.50
Startown	8.50
Sweetwater	39.00
Warlick's	62.16
Wayside	45.00
Total from churches	\$3,416.24
Maiden, First (Baptist Hour)	25.92
Stony Point, (Baptist Hour)	36.00
Total Receipts	\$3,478.16

DISBURSEMENTS

Clerk	\$ 200.00
Treasurer	50.00

Scholarship	175.00
Sunday School	8.42
Training Union	18.39
Woman's Missionary Union	150.00
Brotherhood	7.50
Printing and Postage	22.50
The Baptist Hour	720.00
Direct Missions (New Churches)	700.00
South Fork Association	500.00
For Churches Entertaining Association	250.00
First Day	\$150.00
Second Day	100.00
Miscellaneous	26.94
Total Disbursements	\$2,828.75
Balance October 10, 1956	\$ 659.41

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

BUDGET 1956-57

Minutes	\$ 500.00
Clerk	200.00
Treasurer	50.00
Scholarship	350.00
Sunday School	150.00
Training Union	150.00
Woman's Missionary Union	150.00
Brotherhood	150.00
Printing and Postage	300.00
The Baptist Hour	936.00
Direct Missions (New Churches—Lots)	1,500.00
B.S.U. at Lenior-Rhyne College	100.00
For Churches Entertaining Association	250.00
First Day	\$150.00
Second Day	100.00
Miscellaneous	200.00
Total	\$4,986.00

SUGGESTED QUOTAS

(This is a 5% increase over the Suggested Quotas for 1956)

Church	Suggested Quota	Monthly	Church	Suggested Quota	Monthly
Bethany	\$ 215.46	\$ 17.96	Claremont	31.75	2.65
Brookford	79.30	6.61	Conover	115.95	9.66
Catawba	103.51	8.63	Corinth	94.95	7.91

Church	Suggested	Quota	Monthly	Church	Suggested	Quota	Monthly
Hickory, Calvary	95.37		7.95	Icard	120.60		10.05
Hickory, Community	50.52		4.21	Mountain Grove	112.07		9.34
Hickory, East	147.46		12.29	Newton, First	396.54		33.05
Hickory, First	1,071.55		89.30	Newton, North	144.12		12.01
Hickory, Highland ..	422.40		35.20	Oxford	23.15		1.93
Hickory, Longview ..	94.28		7.86	Oyama	43.36		3.62
Hickory, O. Heights	41.86		3.49	Providence	76.60		6.39
Hickory, Penelope	384.15		32.01	Sandy Ridge	132.00		11.00
Hickory, Temple	153.84		12.82	Startown	26.50		2.21
Hickory, Viewmont ..\$	434.35	\$	36.21	Sweetwater	60.00		5.00
Hickory, West H.....	454.98		37.92	Warlick's	111.87		9.33
				Wayside	60.00		5.00
Total of Suggested Quotas.....					\$5,298.69		
Total of Suggested Budget.....					4,986.00		

REPORT OF THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

CLARENCE L. PICKLER

In our modern world to-day there is much reading material of all kinds being published and people are reading as never before, seeking comfort and peace.

While people are seeking comfort and peace, the American Bible Society is doing what it can to meet this need in human hearts all over the world. Knowing well that God's Holy Word, the Bible, is the only answer for all people of every nation.

The world wide need for Bibles for mission work is twice as big as the available supply. The Bible Societies of the world now distribute a total of 25 million volumes per year but 50 million are needed. We are being asked to give to this worthy cause this year at least the cost of our own personal Bible.

Knowing well that the Bible is the missionary's chief tool, he must have a supply to give his hearers who have nothing with which to purchase his own. Therefore, we as missionary Baptist churches should give a liberal suport to the American Bible Society for the purpose of distributing Bibles with the Gospel of the saving grace of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, to all nations and peoples of the earth in their native tongue.

The Bible is God's message for every soul. May the Lord help us to help others to have this message as their very own to read and study from day to day.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

GEORGE T. GREENWAY

The North Carolina Baptist program of Christian Education includes the teaching ministry of the Christian home, the local church with its varied programs and the Baptist schools and colleges supported by the convention within our state. We believe it the duty of every Baptist to support all movements to promote better Christian understanding and living.

This report deals primarily with the activities of our colleges. However, this fact should not be construed as an effort to minimize the importance of Christian education in the homes and churches. We should be conscious of the fact that it is in the homes and churches that the foundation for a fuller spiritual enlightenment is inspired.

In the field of higher education we have in North Carolina seven Baptist colleges, namely: Wake Forest, Meredith, Gardner-Webb, Campbell, Wingate and Chowan. Last year there were a total of 5,921 students enrolled in these institutions. This year the enrolment will be larger. Each of the seven colleges now in operation is engaged in expanding its plant facilities in both housing and class rooms to meet the ever growing needs. North Carolina is second only to Texas in the number of students enrolled in her Baptist colleges.

Last year we had 750 students enrolled as ministerial and mission volunteers in our Baptist colleges in North Carolina. Four hundred and fifty of these were training for the ministry. Hundreds of other students are training to become ministers of music, directors of Religious education and church secretaries.

The progress made by our schools has been due to the inspirational leadership of those who direct their functions, the loyal support of North Carolina Baptists and our friends who have recognized the worth of our endeavors and have given their financial support.

The program of Christian Education is our program. We cannot afford to stand still. Progress must be our aim.

REPORT OF BROTHERHOOD

V. H. WHITE

The men of the Theron Rankin Association have been active in the Brotherhood organizations of the churches during the past year. We have at least seven new Brotherhoods that have been organized during the past year, which brings the total number of Brotherhoods up to twenty or more.

The Brotherhoods of the churches are assuming the responsibility of sponsoring the Royal Ambassador chapters in the churches and in most cases are doing a good job of it. On several occasions the churches have sponsored a "father-son" banquet, all of which proved profitable for both men and boys. I attended two such meetings.

In many instances the Brotherhoods are conducting cottage prayer meetings in preparation for revivals; and in a few instances the Brotherhoods are conducting laymen revivals.

There have been four Associational Brotherhood meetings held during the past year with a good number of our men attending and several of the churches represented. The laymen have had active parts on the programs of the associational meetings.

It is encouraging to see so many men of our Association so active in the work of the Lord through the Brotherhoods.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

JAMES M. WILDER

Elmer S. West, Jr., Secretary for Foreign Missionary Personnel said: "What happens to missions around the world depends directly upon what happens to

missions in the local church." Our Foreign Mission program goes forward in Thailand, Burma, Spain and other parts of the world in the same proportion that mission emphasis is placed in the local churches.

It is the desire of the Foreign Mission Board that they will be able to make 125 new missionary appointments each year, so that by 1954 there will be a total of 1,750 active missionaries on the field.

As of June 1, 1956, there were 1,058 active missionaries serving in 200 centers and 35 geographical areas. There is a total of 2,250 churches and 3,880 outstations which reported 24,342 baptisms in 1955; making a total membership of 237,154. Inclusion of a reasonable estimate of members in China, the total membership is in excess of 350,000. There are 1,541 national pastors serving along side our missionaries.

Our missionary doctors reported 240,441 patients last year. Two new hospitals were erected; one in Japan and one in Korea.

In 1955 the total income of the Foreign Mission Board was \$11,287,775.72; of which \$5,311,630.83 came through the Co-operative Program and \$4,628,691.03 from the Lottie Moon offering; leaving a total of \$1,347,453.86 from all other sources, including designated gifts. Their prime dependence therefore is upon the churches who give through the Co-operative Program and supplement their gifts by the Lottie Moon offerings.

REPORT OF TRAINING UNION

JAMES R. HELVEY

The Training Unions of the Theron Rankin Association have begun well. Out of twenty-six churches composing the Association last Fall, 24 reported Training Unions with an enrolment of 2,802 and an average attendance of approximately 1,472. At the end of our first year we have 27 Training Unions including a newly organized Union at Claremont, the Highland Mission and Wayside, Sweetwater and Startown, newly received into the Association. These 27 Training Unions reported an enrolment of 3,007 with an average attendance of 1,672.

These Training Unions along with Community Church which reported no Training Union, earned credit for 1,486 awards during the year. This compares favorably with the 2,298 earned the previous year by all the 63 churches of the old South Fork Association.

The Theron Rankin Association observed "M" Night last December along with the South Fork Association at the First Baptist Church in Hickory where more than 800 gathered.

Two Juniors, Ann Holcombe and Gene Templeton, of the First Church in Hickory both qualified to represent our association at the Regional Tournaments at Mt. Holly this past April.

Along with the above mentioned events was the publication of **The Outlook**, an associational Training Union quarterly newsletter, which carried reports and highlights into the homes of local Training Union officers.

This was our beginning. Where we achieved it was because of you; where we failed it too was because of you. But the achievements far outshine the failures and no little credit goes to the twenty-seven Training Union Directors; nor can we overlook the efforts of those who willingly gave of their time to serve

as your associational Training Union leaders: Leland Royster, Associate Director; R. K. Benfield, Pastor-Advisor; Emilyn Wagner, Secretary; Hendley Ellington, Chorister; Mrs. Charles Huffman, Pianist; Robert Crapps, Adult Leader; Kenneth Massey, Intermediate Leader; Mrs. Ralph Self, Assistant Intermediate Leader; Miss Marie Cobb, Junior Leader; Mrs. Rose Wolff, Beginner Leader.

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

MRS. J. E. WELLS

We have seen a period of rapid growth since the opening of the Baptist Hospital in 1923, in order to render a distinctive service as a Christian institution.

In 1955 the hospital admitted 14,918 persons as bed patients and rendered a total of 115,300 days of patient care.

This fine institution not only offers medical and nursing care, but counseling, for sick minds and souls; so that individuals may be reunited in satisfying family and community living.

New type x-ray machines have been added at a cost of over \$30,000. Cost of the new building to house a cobalt machine, for the treatment of certain types of cancer will be over \$75,000. These advancements mean that the hospital has moved to the front in providing the best x-ray department in the South. The doctor, who heads this department is considered one of the best in the nation.

Specialist in the fields of defective hearing and plastic surgery have been added.

Spiritual services have been broadened through the opening of the beautiful Chapel in June of this year.

Cost of these highly skilled services are increasing and will continue to increase. Loyal Baptists will continue to meet this challenge by providing funds to meet these demands; so that medical care, the best medical care, may be provided for those who cannot pay. Yes, we will give willingly, and generously through Our Mother's Day Offering. We will continue to give linens for the comfort of patients; for by so doing, we will be able to provide better medical care for all—A security for all.

REPORT ON BAPTIST LITERATURE

MRS. W. B. DUNCAN

"Read, and you will know," is a quotation I read recently. Just to read is not the important thing, but what you read. We all know that too much cheap literature is being read to-day and much of it by our young people. It is very important, with all the good literature to choose from that parents and those working with our youth help them have the best.

Our Baptist denomination publishes books, magazines and other literature too numerous to mention. We have our Sunday School and Training Union materials along with magazines for all other organizations of our churches. There are many good books that should be in every church library, books to create right thinking and living.

We have in our own state the BIBLICAL RECORDER, that if we read it,

will keep us in touch with the full denominational program. Baptists should be informed, for an informed Baptist is an interested Baptist. Many churches have the RECORDER in the church budget, going to each family; CHARITY AND CHILDREN is another must for North Carolina Baptists. This publication brings us many interesting articles along with news from our Childrens Homes. This paper is printed at Thomasville in our orphanage print shop.

To take us around the world with our missionaries and keep us in touch with all our mission work we have THE COMMISSION and SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOME MISSIONS as well as magazines for all our mission organizations.

I would mention just one more of our great Baptist publications, HOME LIFE. This magazine should be in every home, it is written to be of interest to every age group.

What we read determines greatly the way we think and feel, so why not read the best material available, outside of the Bible itself.

REPORT OF BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

RAY CHILDERS

Our Baptist Orphanage offers four major types of service: (1) Institutional Care in Mills Home and Kennedy Home, (2) Mothers Aid to children who remain with their own mothers, (3) Foster Family Care to children who are kept in good Christian families, and (4) Family Counseling to families whose children are in the care of the Orphanage.

During the year of 1955 we were able to admit 137 children to some phase of our program. We cared for a total of 736 children—23 more than the year before. This increase was in foster home care and was made possible by a greater Thanksgiving offering.

The total number of applications for the care of needy children during 1955 was 824; 58% more than the year 1950. This alarming rate of increased points up the increasing number of broken homes, from which so many of the children at Mills Home and Kennedy Home have come.

Since the income for the Orphanage from Church budgets, Once-A-Month offerings and the Co-operative Program is a fixed amount, the only way to meet this ever mounting need for child care is through a greater Thanksgiving offering.

With more North Carolina Baptists than ever before, earning more money than ever before and giving more than ever before to our total program surely they will make this greater Thanksgiving offering to help the homeless child if we will give them a chance to do so.

During the year a new Church building and a new parsonage were completed at Kennedy Home. A contract will be let sometime this fall for a new Boys' Cottage and a swimming pool at Kennedy Home. These buildings are all erected with special gifts and bequests.

The Orphanage publication, CHARITY AND CHILDREN, with 51,000 copies mailed out each week, is making a greater contribution to our Baptist program than ever before.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

OFFICERS

Clerk—Miss Helen Cater

Treasurer—Heath B. Marsh

Historian—Dick Byrd (O. Jack Murphy, Miss Helen Cater, Albert A. Young)

Sunday School Superintendent—T. W. Nelson

Training Union Director—James R. Helvey

W. M. U. President—Mrs. L. P. Frans

Brotherhood President—Robert Rhoney

Director of Music—Hendley Ellington

Trustees—T. P. Pruitt, Robert Boatwright, M. S. Brittian

Publicity—Robert W. Crapps

COMMITTEES

Program—Moderator, Pastor of Host Church, Director of Music, Albert A. Young.

Membership—J. Louis Price, M. L. Hastings, Larry Penley, E. F. Sullivan, V. L. Andrews.

Resolutions—James M. Wilder, V. L. Connell, Mrs. O. J. Murphy, Mrs. R. T. Boatwright, Lewis Beal.

Extension—B. R. Holbrook, Turner Keys, T. P. Pruitt, Carl G. Fox, V. C. Martin.

Evangelism—R. Knolan Benfield.

Finance—Treasurer, Perry Abernethy, Ed Suggs, C. L. Pickler, Robert T. Boatwright.

Place and Preacher—A. V. Ledford, Mrs. Floyd Edwards, R. L. Ball, T. W. Van Horn, Berry Lafone.

Christian Life—Robert W. Crapps, V. C. Martin, Dick Byrd, Donald Greene, Walter R. Sherrill.

RESOLUTIONS

I

In as much as the Theron Rankin Baptist Association in its first annual session has been entertained by two churches, we wish to express our appreciation to the First Baptist Church of Hickory and the First Baptist Church of Hildebran for their wonderful hospitality and every provision. We especially wish to commend their pastors, their choirs, their food committees and all who assisted in providing for the messengers and guests.

Furthermore, we wish to express our gratitude to our moderator, song leader, Associational clerk and all others who labored so effectively toward the success of our first associational meeting.

Finally, we express appreciation to all guest speakers who journeyed from far and near to share in our fellowship and lead us to greater service.

II

Whereas, the said practice of working on the Lord's Day is a desecration of the day and contrary to principles held by the Christian community that

we go on record as re-affirming our belief in the sanctity of the Lord's Day as expressed in the minutes of the seventy-fourth annual session (1952) of the South Fork Baptist Association.

And, whereas, we are opposed to the sale and use of alcholie beverages in every form, we resolve anew to uphold businessmen and commercial interests which abstain therefrom and we resolve ourselves to abstain from the use thereof.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Fritz D. Hemphill

The Executive Committee of this association has met each quarter during the past year and transacted quite a bit of business for the association. The following items have been considered and passed on:

1. Election of Sunday School, Training Union and Brotherhood officers.
2. Allocation of \$700 to Highland Mission to apply on new buildings.
3. Assisted in the organization of Startown Baptist Church.
4. Promoted the annual Central Training School at Hickory, First.
5. Planned for mission study classes for Nov. 26, 27th for the churches and also classes for deacons, R. A. Couselors and Brotherhood leaders as well as a class for church ushers.
6. Gave careful consideration to the constitution you adopted this session.
7. Instructed the missions committee to search out a lot for a future church between Viewmont and the steel bridge on Highway 127 and report back their findings. This committe to call in other helpers in this task.
8. Passed on the suggested budget submitted by the finance committee.

The churches have been fairly well represented at these meetings and much interest and enthusiasm has been shown for really making this association a missionary association in deed and in truth.

REPORT OF HISTORIAN

E. F. Sullivan

For several years, from time to time, the possibilty of dividing the South Fork Association had been mentioned. But until last year nothing definite was done. Brother Fritz Hemphill brought the idea to the attention of the South Fork Pastor's Conference in session at East Maiden in the early summer of 1955. The suggestion was made that one association should center around Hickory and the other around Lincolnton. The pastors present seemed pleased and passed a resolution recommending to the Executive Committee of the association the forming of two associations within the bounds of the South Fork Association.

Later the Executive Committee approved the resolution and appointed a committee composed of brethren: R. Knolan Benfield, Latt Beshears, W. L. Pitts, James M. Wilder and Roger Williams, Jr., to work out recommendations to aid in dividing the South Fork Association.

This committe made its report at the annual meeting of the association in session at Southside Church, October 7, 1955. The report was adopted, and as a matter of record we give here a few of the recommendations:

1. That the churches of the "Southern Area" retain the name, "South Fork Baptist Association," along with the associational missionary, missionary's home, etc., and all funds and liabilities of the association.
2. That a "Call Session" of the present South Fork Association be held on Sunday, November 6, at the First Baptist Church, Maiden.
3. That churches wishing to form a new association instruct their messengers to ask for letters of dismissal from the South Fork Association for that purpose.
4. That the new Association in the "Northern Area" set up in its budget an item to help carry on the program of the South Fork Association (Southern Area) during the calendar year or 1956.

The Scholarship Fund was given to the South Fork Association.

In compliance with the above recommendations, a call session was held November 6, 1955 at 2:30 PM, with the First Church, Maiden. At that time twenty-four churches secured letters and at 3:00 P.M. moved up to the East Maiden Church where two churches, Bethany and Icard from South Mountain Association, joined them. The twenty-six churches proceeded to organize themselves into a new association.

The following officers were elected: Moderator, Fritz D. Hemphill; Vice Moderator, Roger Williams, Jr.; Clerk, Miss Helen Cater; Treasurer, James M. Wilder. Several names for the new association were offered, but after much discussion, it was finally left to the Executive Committee. At a later meeting that body, after thorough consideration of the names presented, settled on the name, "Theron Rankin Baptist Association," thus honoring the memory of our great Foreign Mission Secretary.

The South Fork Association was organized November 22, 1878 with 10 churches and a membership of 709, all coming from the Catawba River Association. By 1919 there were 57 churches and 7,725 members. At that time 20 churches withdrew to form the Gaston Association. Now, again in 1955, the South Fork Association with 63 churches and 16,943 members, granted letters to 24 churches for the purpose of forming what turns out to be the Theron Rankin Association.

At this point we record some of the highlights of the work among our churches since October, 1955. On March 4th the mission at Startown, fostered by the Conover Church, was organized into Startown Baptist Church. They have already had to enlarge their new building. This building occupies a lot where the old Startown Church, which ceased to function a number of years ago, formerly stood. The Highland Mission, on August 12th, broke ground for a new church building.

Sweetwater and Wayside, both under the watchcare of the association, have added to their Sunday School space. The First Church of Newton, has pledged and cash to the amount of \$157,000.00 for a new church plant and have adopted architects' plans to fit their new location.

The field composed of Corinth and Providence is in the process of dividing, with each going to full time. Corinth recently dedicated its new parsonage. Providence dedicated its new church building, October 23, 1955 and is now building a parsonage.

North Newton and the First Church, Hildebran, (Bethel) have each completed new parsonages and West Hickory is well on the way with a new pastorium. On October 7, East Hickory burnt the mortgage on its property and is now

ready to make plans for a new auditorium. The First Church, Hickory has purchased a valuable house and lot near the church.

Oakland Heights and Temple have each organized Brotherhoods. Miss Irene Covington came to Hickory, First as Pastor's Assistant. West Hickory has secured the services of Miss Janice Edwards as Director of Religious Education. Mrs. L. J. Beckom has become the first full-time secretary at Viewmont. E. F. Sullivan, after serving as pastor in the South Fork Association for 28 years, retired for reason of health from Temple Church on November 1, 1955. Robert W. Crapps succeeded him on March 1st. Other new pastors are T. W. Nelson, East Hickory; L. V. Connell, Mountain Grove; Gordon Taylor, Community and J. D. Barber, Oxford Community Church.

REPORT ON STATE MISSION

R. L. BALL

State Missions is the missionary effort on the part of North Carolina Baptists to reach the unsaved for Christ and teach, enlist, and train the saved in giving, living, and serving through the churches and throughout the world.

There are 4,300,000 people in the State. About 2,000,000 of these above the age of eight years are affiliated with some kind of church. One million nine-hundred thousand of these above the age of eight years are unchurched. If 25% of the affiliated church members are unsaved, then 62½% of the people of North Carolina above the age of eight years are lost. North Carolina, therefore, is far from being half Christian.

State Missions is our way of trying to reach both the lost sinner and the lost sheep. How is this being done?

First, to win the lost sinner, State Missions provides a Department of Evangelism that seeks to inspire pastors and churches to evangelize their communities.

Also important in the work of reaching the lost sinner is the matter of pastoral assistance and church extension in needy areas. Many of the strongest churches in our State were once the recipients of State Mission aid.

Second, a great deal of State Mission work goes for the reaching of the lost sheep of our denomination. Therefore, three of the most significant phases of our State Mission program are the work of the Sunday School, Training Union and Rural Church Departments. Over 7,300 of our Baptist people attended Training Union Week at Caswell, Fruitland and Ridgecrest this summer.

A highly important service rendered by State Missions is the training offered to the pastors of North Carolina. Last year about 160 pastors received better training at Fruitland and about 35 at Caswell. Refresher courses are offered from time to time at Mars Hill for the benefit of all pastors and their wives—trained or untrained.

Other challenges our State Mission funds seek to meet are The Allied Church League, the Colored Races, the Silent People, Student Work and Department of Pastorial Care.

Therefore, will you as an individual and your Sunday School and church do your part so that the first part of The Great Commission might be obeyed and that these rich ministries might be continued to the extent that next year North Carolina and the world might have many more Christians and be more Christian.

PROCEEDINGS

ANNUAL MEETING

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The Annual Woman's Missionary Union meeting was held April 4, 1956 at Temple Church using as the theme for the program: "His Commission... Our Mission."

Mrs. L. P. Frans of Hickory, Associational W. M. U. Superintendent, presided.

Mrs. E. F. Sullivan led the opening devotions using verses of scripture taken from Luke, Matt. and Romans. Mrs. R. K. Redwine led in the morning prayer.

Words of welcome were spoken by Robert W. Crapps, pastor of the host church, followed by a cordial welcome from the President of the W. M. U. of the church, Mrs. L. B. Bivins.

Special music was presented by a quartet from Bethany Church.

The following committees were appointed: Time and Place: Mrs. W. R. Stevenson, Mrs. Floy Edwards, Mrs. Gladys Berry. Appreciation Committee: Mrs. Perry Starnes, Mrs. J. Carroll Moser, Mrs. W. A. Cooke.

Mrs. R. Knolan Benfield presented the constitution and budget which was adopted. The proposed budget being in the amount of \$237.00 for the year 1956-57 for promotional work. The constitution and budget committee composed of Miss Joy Walker, Mrs. Robert Boatwright and Mrs. Benfield also presented a recommendation to the constitution that the Executive Committee nominate a nominating committee to be elected at the fall Leadership Institute. The present nominating committee will function until the new committee is elected. Also, to request the Theron Rankin Association to include the constitution and by-laws of Woman's Missionary Union in the minutes of the association.

Each W. M. U. member will pay .25 dues per year and each society was asked to send in donations to help in the scholarship fund.

An offering was taken amounting to \$47.00.

Mrs. Terry Smart of Forest City, Superintendent of the Hickory Division, was presented. She commended the association for the fine start we have made and also urged that we send in reports. "We must help support more missionaries if we are to fulfill our responsibility to God," Mrs. Smart stated.

Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, associate superintendent, impressed upon everyone the need for helping to organize a W. M. U. in all churches which have no organizations.

After a brief report from the different chairmen and Counselors, Miss Janet Wilson of Raleigh, Youth Secretary, gave the message of the morning, "His Commission... Our Mission."

The benediction was given by E. F. Sullivan. A bountiful picnic lunch was served by the host church.

Mrs. Robert Crapps chose a few verses from the first and eighteenth chapters of Acts for her devotional thoughts for the beginning of the Afternoon session.

During the business period the association was invited to meet with Newton, First Church for our 1957 meeting.

Mrs. Perry Starnes expressed appreciation of the privilege of meeting with Temple Church.

Mrs. W. B. Duncan presented the list of officers for the year. These were elected. Fritz D. Hemphill, Moderator of our association, led a dedicatory prayer.

Miss Irene Covington of Hickory, First Church presented Mrs. John Lake, Missionary from China. Using the scripture, "Ye are witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth," Mrs. Lake urged us to invest in missions.

Mr. Hemphill led in the closing prayer.

In Memoriam

CATAWBA—Mr. H. D. Ervin,
Mr. Tate Gantt, Mrs. Dolly Kil-
lian

CLAREMONT—Mr. J. B. Steward

CONOVER—Mr. Raymond Smith

CORINTH—Mrs. Jennie Massa-
gee, Mr. J. A. Wilson (Deacon)

HICKORY, CALVARY—Mr. Lee
Adams

HICKORY, COMMUNITY—Rev.
W. R. Walls, Pastor

HICKORY, EAST—Mr. Ivey Kel-
ler, (Deacon) Mr. John Wells,
Mr. M. R. Kiziah

HICKORY, FIRST—Miss Sue
Barger, L. L. Hatfield (Deacon),
W. W. Bryan (Deacon), Mrs.
Lloyd Whitener, Mr. Richard M.
Williams, Mrs. Maggie Mat-
thews, Mrs. Wallace Hartsell,
Miss Leafy Abernethy, Mr. Mar-
shall A. Sherrill, Mr. J. R. Wal-
lace

HICKORY, HIGHLAND—Mr.
Ernest Hallman

HICKORY, PENELOPE—Mr. W.
I. Keller, Mr. Fred Propst, Mrs.
Mary Chapman, Mr. M. P.
Smith

HICKORY, TEMPLE—Mr. W. C.
Throneburg, Roger Minton

HICKORY, VIEWMONT—Mr.
Clyde White, Mrs. C. E. Smyre,
Mr. L. E. Smith, Mrs. Bessie
Webb

HICKORY, WEST HICKORY—
Mrs. W. K. Cline, Mrs. T. B.
Johnson, Mr. E. H. Chester, Mrs.
Zayda McDonald

HILDEBRAN, FIRST—Mrs. Dora
Young, Mrs. Ralph Evans, Mrs.
R. D. Mosteller, Mrs. J. D. Ogle,
Mrs. Oller Evans

ICARD—Mr. Joe Wilson (Dea-
con), Mr. P. A. Berry (Deacon),
Mr. Verl Euliss

MOUNTAIN GROVE—Mr. E. E.
Crafton, Mr. Albert Hartsoe

NEWTON, FIRST—Mrs. J. W.
Hollingsworth, Mr. Dell Hewitt

NEWTON, NORTH—Mrs. Man-
ning Lynch

PROVIDENCE—Mr. T. S. Abee
(Deacon), Mr. Tom Smith

SANDY RIDGE—Mr. Dave Mil-
ler (Deacon)

WARLICK'S—Mr. Hobert Berry

WAYSIDE—Mr. Ezell V. Poole

Church Directories

PASTORS

The names and addresses of the pastors of this association are contained in statistical table A.

ORDAINED MINISTERS, NOT PASTORS, HOLDING MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCHES OF THERON RANKIN ASSOCIATION

NAME	ADDRESS	CHURCH
Abernethy, Willis (M.M.).....	Hildebran.....	Hildebran, First
Andrews, Victor L. (P).....	438 E. 20th St., Newton.....	Highland
Benfield, Paul (O.M.).....	2051 N. College Ave., Newton.....	North Newton
Bowman, Hoyle E. (S).....	3612 Samuel Blvd., Dallas, Texas....	Calvary
Bragg, J. L. (O.M.).....	Hildebran.....	Hildebran, First
Bryant, Wade (L.O.).....	918 Lenoir Rd., Hickory.....	Penelope
Childers, Berl (L.M.).....	Hildebran.....	Hildebran, First
Connor, D. H. (I.O.).....	20th St. SW, Hickory.....	Penelope
Downs, T. G. (O.M.).....	Hickory.....	Hickory, First
Gilbert, Frank.....	Rt. 2, Connelly Springs.....	Warlick's
Gragg, Spencer (L.M.).....	80 30th St. N W, Hickory.....	Wayside
Greenway, George T.....	Icard.....	Icard
Huffman, M. A.....	Icard.....	Icard
Land, H. B., Jr. (Ch. O.).....	APO San Francisco, Calif.....	Newton, First
McCurry, Grady (L. M.).....	Longview Sta., Hickory.....	Wayside
Price, J. Louis (R. O.).....	2820 1st Avenue, N W, Hickory.....	West Hickory
Propst, Dean (L. M.).....	Rt. 1, Vale.....	Corinth
Robinson, Ernest C. (L. M.).....	Rt. 3, Box 363, Hickory.....	Sweetwater
Sullivan, E. F. (R. O.).....	1920 N. Center St., Hickory.....	Temple
Whitener, Harold (L. M.).....	Rt. 4, Box 270, Hickory.....	Providence

ASSISTANT PASTORS OR EDUCATIONAL DIRECTORS

NAME	ADDRESS	CHURCH
Covington, Miss Irene.....	First Baptist Church, Hickory.....	Hickory, First
Edwards, Miss Janice.....	1218 Main Ave. Dr., N W, Hickory..	West Hickory
Wagner, Miss Emilyn.....	203 N. Main Ave., Newton.....	Newton, First

MINISTERS ORDAINED DURING THE YEAR

NAME	ADDRESS	CHURCH
Crump, Zeno.....	Rt. 2, Connelly Springs.....	Warlick's
Gilbert, Frank.....	Rt. 2, Connelly Springs.....	Warlick's

MINISTERS LICENSED DURING THE YEAR

NAME	ADDRESS	CHURCH
Deal, Max.	1138 8th St. S E, Hickory.	Highland
Morrow, Philip.	Catawba.	Catawba

STUDENTS FOR THE MINISTRY

NAME	CHURCH	SCHOOL
Bowman, Hoyle E.	Calvary.	Dallas Theological Seminary
Coffey, Dean.	Viewmont.	Mars Hill
Crapps, Eddie.	Hickory, First.	Southern Baptist Theological Sem.
Deal, Max.	Highland.	Wake Forest
Harris, Harvey.	Highland.	Lenoir Rhyne
Mangum, Maynard.	Hickory, First.	Southeastern Theological Seminary
Morrow, Philip.	Catawba.	Wake Forest
Morrow, Robert W.	Catawba.	Wake Forest
Rhoney, Robert.	Hildebran, First.	Lenoir Rhyne
Sigmon, James M.	Claremont.	Columbia Bible College
Sigmon, John F.	West Hickory.	Gardner-Webb
Simpson, John.	Hickory, First.	Mars Hill
Suggs, Julian, III.	Hickory, First.	Lenoir Rhyne
Waters, Basil.	Claremont.	Le Tourneau Tech. Institute

DIRECTOR OF AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS

CHURCH	NAME	ADDRESS
Hickory, First.	Richard Suddreth.	411 2nd Avenue, S W, Hickory
Viewmont.	Frank H. Poovey.	Route 2, Hickory
West Hickory.	J. Herman Cater.	P. O. Box 552, Hickory
Newton, North.	Kenneth Johnson.	2013 N. Ashe Ave., Newton

PIANIST OR ORGANIST

CHURCH	NAME	ADDRESS
Brookford.....	Mrs. W. C. Laney.....	161 20th Ave. S W, Hickory
Catawba.....	Mrs. Bill Moore.....	Newton
Claremont.....	Mrs. George Propst.....	Rt. 4, Hickory
Conover.....	Junie Tuggle.....	Rt. 1, Newton
Corinth.....	Mrs. Roy Stallings.....	Rt. 1, Hickory
Hickory, Calvary.....	Bobby Fulbright.....	1736 2nd Ave. S W, Hickory
" Community.....	Mrs. Mildred Lackey.....	Main Ave. S W, Hickory
" East Hickory.....	Mrs. T. W. Nelson.....	122 16th St. S E, Hickory
" First.....	John Nininger.....	Lakeview Park, Hickory
" Highland.....	Miss Iris Bailey.....	Lenoir Rhyne College, Hickory
" Longview.....	Miss Barbara Ball.....	215 23rd St. S W, Hickory
" Oakland Heights.....	Miss Barbara Brooks.....	1673 C Ave., S E, Hickory
" Penelope.....	Mrs. Mayo Weaver.....	P. O. Box 72, Hildebran
" Temple.....	Miss Judy Barbour.....	770 3rd Ave. Pl. S E, Hickory
" Viewmont.....	Miss Shirley Branch.....	423 23rd Ave. N E, Hickory
" West Hickory.....	Mrs. Enloe Young.....	2324 2nd Ave. N W, Hickory
Hildebran, First.....	Mrs. Mildred Wycoff.....	Hildebran
Icard.....	Mrs. Amos Lingerfelt.....	Icard
Mountain Grove.....	Mrs. Charles L. Huffman.....	Rt. 4, Hickory
Newton, First.....	Mrs. M. E. Winecoff.....	113 W. 7th St., Newton
Newton, North.....	Peggy Cunningham.....	Conover
Oxford Community.....	Mazel Pope.....	Rt. 1, Conover
Oyama.....	Mrs. Garland Caldwell.....	Rt. 2, Conover
Providence.....	Mrs. M. S. Brittain.....	Rt. 4, Hickory
Sandy Ridge.....	Mrs. Emmett Huffman.....	337 21st St. N E, Hickory
Startown.....	Mrs. Wade Abree.....	Rt. 1, Hickory
Sweetwater.....	Patsy Houston.....	Rt. 3, Box 398, Hickory
Warlick's.....	Jerry Knox.....	Rt. 2, Connelly Springs
Wayside.....	Nancy Kirby.....	Rt. 1, Hickory

LIBRARIANS

CHURCH	NAME	ADDRESS
Catawba.....	Mrs. Lock Rink.....	Rt. 1, Claremont
Corinth.....	Mrs. Ralph Young.....	Rt. 3, Vale
Hickory, Calvary.....	Mrs. Guy Huffman.....	719 19th St. S W, Hickory
" East Hickory.....	Geraldine Fisher.....	134 15th St. S E, Hickory
" First.....	Mrs. Spurgeon Young.....	196 23rd St. N W, Hickory
" Highland.....	Mrs. A. C. Ogren.....	829 Main Ave. N E, Hickory
" Oakland Heights.....	Mrs. Marie King.....	11th St. N W, Hickory
" Penelope.....	Faye Smith.....	440 33rd St. S W, Hickory
" Viewmont.....	Mrs. Roy Hoffman.....	Rt. 3, Hickory
" West Hickory.....	Jimmy Wilson.....	1143 Main Ave. Dr., N W, Hickory
Hildebran, First.....	Martha Eggers.....	Hildebran
Mountain Grove.....	Mary Huffman.....	Rt. 4, Hickory
Newton, North.....	Jonah Hartsoe.....	511 E. Herman St., Newton



Statistical Tables

**TABLE A. CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP OF THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1956**

Index Number	CHURCHES	Location Rural V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	GAINS		LOSSES	TOTAL					SPECIAL INFORMATION					
					Baptisms	Letters and Other		Total Resident Members	Total Non-Resident Members	Grand Total	Number Jews Baptized	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers	Church Have Budget?	Every Member Canvassed	State Paper in Budget	No Local Missions Operated by Church	Pastor's Annual Salary (Whether had a pastor or not)
1	Brookford	T	1910	All	4	3	11	107	51	107	107	3	70	Yes	Yes	Yes	.....	1,470.00
2	Catawba	T	1875	All	11	1	11	184	184	184	.....	1	35	Yes	Yes	Yes	.....	3,200.00
3	Claremont	T	1953	All	15	9	9	1	60	5	65	2	46	Yes	.....	.....	.....	2,258.00
4	Conover	T	1942	All	3	4	27	106	65	261	.....	2	20	Yes	.....	.....	.....	3,080.00
5	Corinth	R	1840	All	5	2	11	196	12	210	.....	2	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,560.00
6	Hickory, Calvary	R	1943	All	17	14	19	198	12	210	.....	2	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,868.00
7	Hickory, Community	C	1950	All	20	6	17	100	5	105	.....	2	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,250.00
8	" East Hickory	C	1940	All	16	18	15	265	60	325	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,155.00
9	" First	C	1870	All	52	80	114	1,255	151	1,406	.....	1	451	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,800.00
10	" Highland	C	1912	All	39	55	58	649	125	774	.....	2	185	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,200.00
11	" Longview	C	1940	All	24	15	9	233	38	271	.....	2	48	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,275.00
12	" Oakland Heights	C	1944	All	28	23	11	131	15	146	.....	2	34	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,120.00
13	" Penelope	C	1888	All	49	40	34	803	90	893	.....	2	183	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,200.00
14	" Temple	C	1949	All	27	31	27	294	30	324	.....	2	95	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,720.00
15	" Viewmont	C	1935	All	72	57	42	753	78	831	.....	2	180	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,720.00
16	" West Hickory	C	1907	All	37	57	37	892	75	967	.....	2	262	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,505.00
17	Hildebran	T	1881	All	29	14	29	407	114	521	.....	2	125	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,975.00
18	Icard	V	1918	All	3	2	9	240	28	268	.....	1	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,900.00
19	Mountain Grove	R	1881	All	17	4	9	221	30	251	.....	1	460	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,300.00
20	Newton, First	C	1882	All	30	29	45	686	163	849	.....	2	68	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,900.00
21	" North Newton	C	1921	All	14	31	23	99	91	380	.....	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	600.00
22	Oxford Community	R	1952	All	5	8	9	11	63	74	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,756.00
23	Oyama	R	1954	All	7	7	5	47	6	53	.....	2	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,560.00
24	Province	R	1878	All	3	5	5	139	11	150	.....	2	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,940.00
25	Sandy Ridge	R	1944	All	38	16	17	221	41	262	.....	1	96	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,340.00
26	Startown	R	1956	All	14	47	1	60	.....	60	.....	1	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,960.00
27	Sweetwater	R	1954	All	16	3	2	33	27	37	.....	1	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,900.00
28	Wadick's	R	1954	All	13	11	16	21	4	298	.....	2	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,640.00
29	Wayside	R	1956	All	23	34	2	76	76	2	12	108,112.00
	Totals	631	625	599	8,891	1,385	10,276	49	2,708	26	8	9	1	

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**TABLE B. SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR
YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1956**

Index Number	CHURCHES	Associational Superintendent T. W. Nelson 122 16th St. S E, Hickory	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT															Number Training Schools		
			Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People, Single	Young People, Married	Adults	Extension Department	Officers Not And Departments	Mission Sunday School Enrollment	Grand Total Sunday School	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrollment		Average V.B.S.	January Bible Study
1	Brookford.....	Mrs. Katie S. Miller, 1728 2nd St. S W, Hickory.	.....	14	6	13	21	14	.....	17	38	.....	8	131	96	65	55	.....	.....
2	Catawba.....	Frank Ervin, Catawba.	.....	16	15	12	14	11	.....	12	83	11	8	182	95	92	86	Yes	1
3	Claremont.....	Doyle Benfield, Box 62, Conover.	.....	6	5	9	12	4	5	2	30	.....	7	80	58	83	72	.....	1
4	Conover.....	Wilburn Edmondson, Box 372, Conover	.....	10	19	2	10	10	6	12	44	.....	3	116	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
5	Corinth.....	F. W. Kaiser, Rt. 3, Vale.	.....	17	12	27	24	14	14	8	92	.....	3	211	124	95	90	.....	2
6	Hickory, Calvary.....	Ambrose B. Collins, Rt. 1, Hickory	13	.....	.....	.....	32	18	19	12	35	.....	4	184	142	95	75	.....	2
7	" Community.....	Otto Jones, Rt. 3, Box 11, Hickory	.....	34	18	.....	23	22	14	32	42	.....	2	332	189	189	184	Yes	2
8	" East Hickory.....	Russell R. Fisher, 134 15th St. S E, Hickory	.....	30	23	29	49	42	10	33	110	.....	6	723	773	372	309	Yes	2
9	" First.....	Donald E. Greene, P. O. Box 273, Hickory	54	117	93	135	166	138	62	20	573	111	.....	1,469	723	379	240	Yes	2
10	" Highland.....	Harold E. Deal, P. O. Box 2204, Hickory	15	52	36	63	75	61	25	48	228	13	5	1,02	379	240	224	Yes	2	
11	" Longview.....	Julius Cook, Jr., Rt. 1, Hickory	.....	20	27	48	45	29	18	18	110	.....	13	315	184	189	184	Yes	2
12	" Oakland Heights.....	Carl King, 714 10th St. Blvd., N W Hickory	.....	12	13	14	18	21	4	15	26	11	3	327	174	101	71	Yes	1
13	" Penelope.....	G. S. Robinson, 1446 1st Ave., N W, Hickory	16	90	65	97	117	74	41	36	365	17	5	923	516	267	247	Yes	2
14	" Temple.....	Harry Barger, Rt. 3, Box 40, Hickory	6	43	34	58	65	60	29	116	30	5	4	420	204	178	137	Yes	3	
15	" Viewmont.....	Earl Roberts, 713 8th St. N W, Hickory	33	117	68	107	146	96	39	55	363	30	7	1,047	539	315	276	Yes	3	
16	" West Hickory.....	W. R. Sherrill, P. O. Box 2381, Hickory	82	100	58	136	132	92	43	79	378	61	2	1,168	530	262	531	Yes	6	
17	Hildebran.....	Ray Childers, Hildebran	13	55	29	52	57	48	31	30	177	26	5	1,523	277	179	165	Yes	3	
18	Icard.....	Edd Swann, Icard	.....	21	24	25	29	23	27	23	88	10	5	283	184	92	84	Yes	2
19	Mountain Grove.....	George Casler, Rt. 1, Box 444A, Hickory	.....	31	26	28	36	20	13	11	101	7	.....	326	175	134	130	Yes	2
20	Newton, First.....	C. F. Witherspoon, Rt. 1, Claremont	15	63	48	63	82	73	32	11	326	23	6	731	390	209	172	Yes	2	
21	" North Newton.....	G. O. Dixon, 1809 N College Ave., Newton	11	21	50	53	61	47	22	.....	117	15	4	401	229	187	174	Yes	2
22	Oxford Community.....	J. M. Coffey, Rt. 2, Box 369, Hickory	3	6	16	15	26	14	12	.....	22	.....	3	117	84	.....	.....	.....	1
23	Oyana.....	S. C. Duncan, Rt. 3, Box 256, Hickory	.....	12	8	10	5	14	.....	13	23	.....	3	88	62	48	41	Yes	1
24	Providence.....	M. S. Brittain, Rt. 4, Hickory	.....	4	11	13	26	16	11	11	56	4	4	156	93	74	69	Yes	1
25	Sandy Ridge.....	Robert Martin, Rt. 3, Box 353, Hickory	26	23	46	59	39	9	37	85	3	.....	4	331	234	138	123	Yes	1
26	Startown.....	Clarence Smith, 1507 N. Frye Ave., Newton	.....	9	14	11	11	7	8	.....	71	.....	.....	104	71	49	41	.....	3
27	Sweetwater.....	Mrs. H. N. Philpotts, 709 Highland Ave. N E, Hickory	.....	12	11	9	9	9	.....	17	30	.....	.....	97	40	.....	.....	.....	2
28	Warlick's.....	T. L. Benfield, Rt. 5, Hickory	10	24	13	18	45	30	26	55	72	13	5	311	170	120	98	Yes	2	
29	Wayside.....	Spencer Gragg, 80 30th St. N W, Hickory	.....	7	17	8	12	11	13	15	34	.....	5	122	73	58	49	Yes	2
Totals.....			271	983	782	1,133	1,393	1,066	487	663	3,810	360	112	102	11,162	6,086	3,642	3,503	21	56

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**TABLE C. TRAINING UNION OF THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1956**

Index Number	CHURCHES	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Mission Enrollment	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
1	Brookford.....	4	.....	7	8	11	8	21	.....	6	65	50
2	Catawba.....	4	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	11	.....	3	35	12
3	Claremont.....	7	7	8	12	.....	5	14	.....	.....	53	30
4	Conover.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	Corinth.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	Hickory, Calvary.....	.....	.....	4	7	5	6	18	.....	2	42	14
7	Hickory, Community.....	.....	.....	5	9	11	14	14	.....	4	57	33
8	" East Hickory.....	6	14	13	18	22	2	60	.....	4	139	73
9	" First.....	7	10	43	81	79	18	57	.....	5	300	158
10	" Highland.....	9	10	17	27	19	11	50	.....	8	208	91
11	" Longview.....	2	8	13	31	32	15	59	60	.....	162	101
12	" Oakland Heights.....	.....	.....	5	9	6	9	19	.....	3	51	30
13	" Penelope.....	7	9	10	54	33	42	58	.....	4	217	122
14	" Temple.....	.....	.....	19	23	27	.....	26	.....	4	99	45
15	" Viewmont.....	13	9	32	53	52	19	82	.....	4	264	140
16	" West Hickory.....	11	27	25	63	37	18	85	.....	4	270	145
17	Hildebran.....	.....	.....	11	23	32	12	35	.....	5	134	84
18	Icard.....	.....	.....	6	7	10	20	20	.....	2	70	65
19	Mountain Grove.....	5	5	10	21	13	8	34	.....	1	97	45
20	Newton, First.....	5	5	14	22	18	.....	31	.....	3	93	54
21	" North Newton.....	7	10	14	34	35	13	23	.....	4	140	67
22	Oxford Community.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
23	Oyama.....	4	12	.....	2	7	.....	16	.....	3	44	21
24	Providence.....	.....	5	.....	13	12	9	25	.....	7	71	47
25	Sandy Ridge.....	3	5	5	30	14	42	28	.....	8	135	105
26	Startown.....	3	6	6	9	7	.....	28	.....	1	60	35
27	Sweetwater.....	3	4	6	5	6	6	15	.....	3	48	21
28	Warlick's.....	4	4	7	19	20	10	28	.....	2	94	49
29	Wayside.....	3	4	5	6	8	11	21	3	61	35
	Totals.....	113	164	285	593	526	298	878	60	90	3,007	1,672

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TABLE D. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1956

Index Number	CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES										Total Organizations
		Associational President Mrs. L. P. Frans Country Club Road, Hickory	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W. M. S. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled
1	Brookford.....	Mrs. Floyd Edwards, Catawba.....	2				2	26				26
2	Catawba.....	Mrs. George Probst, Rt. 4, Box 287, Hickory.....	1		1		2	22		8		30
3	Claremont.....	Molly Underwood, Newton.....	1				1	25				25
4	Conover.....	Mrs. C. L. Piekler, Rt. 3, Vale.....	2				2	35				35
5	Condit.....											
6	Hickory, Calvary.....											
7	Community.....											
8	" East Hickory.....	Mrs. Lindsay Miller, Jr., 57 13th St. S. E., Hickory.....	3	1	1		5	45	8	10		63
9	" First.....	Mrs. Perry M. Starnes, P. O. Box 2443, Hickory.....	23	1	5	2	31	355	10	84	47	494
10	" Highland.....	Mrs. W. B. Duncan, 826 9th Ave. Pl. N E, Hickory.....	9	1	4	3	17	105	10	44	66	225
11	" Longview.....											
12	" Oakland Heights.....	Mrs. C. L. Bolick, 1144 2nd Ave. N W, Hickory.....	2		2	2	6	19		10	20	49
13	" Penelope.....	Mrs. Robert Ledbetter, 3133 6th Ave. S W, Hickory.....	11	1	3	2	17	123	19	39	50	231
14	" Temple.....	Mrs. Robert W. Crapps, 828 8th St. Dr. S E, Hickory.....	4		2	1	7	42		23	40	105
15	" Viewmont.....	Mrs. Eugene Hall, Rt. 5, Hickory.....	8	1	4	2	15	132	8	76	73	289
16	" West Hickory.....	Mrs. Carl Buchanan, 836 4th St. Dr. N W, Hickory.....	9	1	2	2	14	112	10	40	30	192
17	Hildebran.....	Mrs. Charlie Johnson, Hildebran.....	5	1	2	2	10	63	8	39	37	147
18	Icard.....	Mrs. Eugene Glass, Rt. 2, Connally Springs.....	1	1	2	1	5	30	10	36	10	86
19	Mountain Grove.....	Mrs. H. J. Whitener, Rt. 1, Hickory.....	3		2	2	7	37		20	29	86
20	Newton, First.....	Mrs. W. B. Stevenson, 420 W. 6th St., Newton.....	8	1	2	2	13	115	12	28	44	199
21	" North.....	Mrs. Jerral Stewart, 218 W. 20th St., Newton.....	2		2	1	5	44		34	20	98
22	Oxford Community.....											
23	Oyama.....	Mrs. Gene Julian, Rt. 3, Box 278A, Hickory.....	2		2	1	5	19		10	12	41
24	Providence.....	Mrs. Harold Whitener, Rt. 4, Box 270, Hickory.....	1				1	20				20
25	Sandy Ridge.....	Mrs. Van Foster, Rt. 2, Box 363, Hickory.....	2	1	2	2	7	41	6	19	19	85
26	Startown.....	Mrs. Larry Penley, 925 6th St. S E, Hickory.....	1			1	2	10			14	24
27	Sweetwater.....	Mrs. Ernest C. Robinson, Rt. 3, Box 363, Hickory.....	1				1	6				6
28	Warlick's.....	Mrs. Gladys Berry, Icard.....	1				1	23				23
29	Wayside.....	Mrs. Ray Kirby, Rt. 1, Hickory.....	1	1			2	12	10			22
	Totals.....		103	11	38	26	178	1,459	111	520	511	2,601
												1,307

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TABLE E. BROTHERHOOD WORK OF THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE YEAR
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1956

Index Number	CHURCHES	Associational Brotherhood President Robert Rhoney Rt. 4, Box 70, Hickory	PRESIDENTS OF MEN'S BROTHERHOODS AND ADDRESSES	CHRM. ROYAL AMBASSADOR CO. AND ADDRESSES	Men's Brotherhood Enrollment	Young Men's Brotherhood Enrollment	No. Junior R. A. Chapters	Junior R. A. Enrollment	No. Intermediate R. A. Chapters	Intermediate R. A. Enrollment	Total Brotherhood Enrollment
1	Brookford.										
2	Catawba.		Walter A. Watts, Box 424, Conover.		15						15
3	Claremont.		R. L. Keller, Conover.		14						14
4	Conover.										
5	Corinth.										
6	Hickory, Calvary.										
7	" Community.										
8	" East Hickory.										
9	" First.		Ralph Deal, 1047 19th St. N E, Hickory.		13						13
10	" Highland.		W. P. Bost, 820 3rd St. S E, Hickory.		149						149
11	" Longview.		Page Caldwell, Rt. 1, Hickory.		69						69
12	" Oakland Heights.										
13	" Patepole.		C. L. Bolick, 1144 2nd Ave. N W, Hickory.		13						13
14	" Temple.		Clyde Phillips, 2nd Ave. N W, Hickory.		23						23
15	" Viewmont.		J. L. Woody, Rt. 2, Newton.		67						67
16	" West Hickory.		James Brittain, 156 12th Ave. N W, Hickory.		81						81
17	Hildebran.		James Clay 406 11th St. S W, Hickory.		64						64
18	Icard.		Robert Rhoney, Rt. 4, Box 70, Hickory.		25						25
19	Mountain Grove.		M. C. Warlick, Icard.		15						15
20	Newton, First.		Carl Waters, Rt. 1, Hickory.		14						14
21	" North.		Lee R. Furr, 208 W 21st St., Newton.		62						62
22	Oxford Community.		Ray Abernethy, 2418 N. Main Ave., Newton.		21						21
23	Oyama.										
24	Providence.		G. R. Bustle, Hickory.		9						9
25	Sandy Ridge.		Samuel Teague, 2215 2nd St. N E, Hickory.		26						26
26	Stardown.		Clarence Smith, 1507 N. Frye Ave., Newton.		10						10
27	Sweetwater.										
28	Warlick s.		Leon Lowman, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs.		30						30
29	Wayside.		Spencer Graegs, 80 30th St. N W, Hickory.		14						14
	Totals.				734		14	244	14	138	1,116

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TABLE F. CHURCH MUSIC—CHURCH LIBRARY—BUILDING—GOALS OF THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1956

Index Number	CHURCHES	CHOIR DIRECTORS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Associational Missionary None	CHURCH MUSIC			CHURCH LIBRARY	BUILDING				GOALS				
				Number Choirs	Total Choir Enrollment	Total Music Budget (excluding salaries)		Use Church Musician Magazine	Name of Hymnal Used in Auditorium	Does your church have a library?	Value Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home	Money Spent on New Construction, Property, and Equipment	Total Church Debt at End of Year	Cooperative Program, % of Total Budget	Association's Mission Goal Coming Year
1	Brookford	Mrs. Bessie Wells, Hickory.		1	30					\$17,500.00				1,200	75.00	
2	Catawba	Mrs. Lutell Keith, Catawba.		1	30				Yes	5,000.00			777.00			
3	Clarendon	Wilburn Edmondson, Box 372, Conover.		1	24					17,000.00			869.00			
4	Conover	T. G. Wright, Rt. 1, Vale.		2	30				Yes	6,000.00			457.00			30.00
5	Cornith	Mrs. J. J. Hudson, Rt. 1, Hickory.		2	30				Yes	16,000.00			4,055.00			
6	Hickory, Calvary	Mrs. Clyde F. Helton, P. O. Box 170, Hickory.		2	18				Yes	25,000.00			533.00			100.00
7	" Community	Mrs. Lindsay Miller, Jr., 57 13th St. S. E., Hickory.		2	40				Yes	15,000.00			518.00			52.00
8	" East Hickory	Robin Gatwood, 517 7th Ave. N. E., Hickory		4	175	1,400	Yes	New Baptist	Yes	50,000.00				10%	145.00	
9	" First	Highland		4	175	1,400		Broadman	Yes	50,000.00						
10	" Highland	Leonard Tolbert, Box 1632, Hickory		2	37	400		Broadman	Yes	6,500.00						
11	" Longview	Walter Daniels, 58 34th St. N. W., Hickory		2	55			Broadman	Yes							430.00
12	" Oakland Heights	Dwight Robinson, 1452 1st Ave. N. W., Hickory.		2	30		Yes	Baptist	Yes	36,000.00			12,379.00			42.00
13	" Penelope	M. Kenneth Massey, 122 20th Ave. N. W., Hickory		4	69	1,267		Broadman	Yes	10,000.00			125.00			432.00
14	" Temple	Headley Ellington, 549 N. Center St., Hickory.		2	20	100	Yes	Broadman	Yes	30,000.00			1,200.00			154.00
15	" Viewmont	Eddie Holbrook, Hildebran.		2	55			Modern	Yes	30,000.00			21,111.00			500.00
16	" West Hickory	Garrine Franklin, Icard.		4	120	200	Yes	Broadman	Yes	20,000.00			1,500.00			864.00
17	Hildebran	L. V. Connell, Rt. 1, Hickory.		4	70			Broadman	Yes	5,000.00						540.00
18	Icard	Joshua Tyler, 203 N. Main Ave., Newton.		2	35		Yes	Broadman	Yes	5,000.00						240.00
19	Mountain Grove	Kenneth Little, Newton.		2	35		Yes	New Baptist	Yes	15,000.00						
20	Newton, First	J. M. Coffey, Rt. 2, Hickory.		3	104	400	Yes	Broadman	Yes	22,000.00			10,693.00			397.00
21	" North	Mrs. Mack Stafford, Rt. 3, Hickory.		3	35	50		Favorite Songs	Yes	12,500.00			784.00			144.00
22	Oxford Community	Harold Whitener, Rt. 4, Box 270, Hickory.		3	25	60		Broadman	Yes	15,500.00			500.00			
23	Oyana	Mrs. Harley Fisher, 1040 19th St. N. E., Hickory.		1	13			Broadman		13,500.00			153.00			44.00
24	Providence	Larry Penley, 925 5th St. S. E., Hickory		1	25			Modern		68,000.00			5,000.00			300
25	Sandy Ridge	Mrs. E. R. Caldwell, Rt. 3, Hickory		2	30		Yes	Broadman		18,000.00			26,513.00			100
26	Startown	Mrs. George Knox, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs		2	35	75				10,000.00			2,400.00			77.00
27	Sweetwater	John Porter, Rt. 1, Hickory		1	15			Broadman		5,000.00			1,647.00			104
28	Warlick's			1	20		Yes	Broadman	Yes	7,500.00			2,500.00			37.00
29	Wayside			1	24			Voice of Praise		28,000.00			1,797.00			110.00
	Totals			54	1174	4,052				310,000.00	3,039,500.00		136,281.00			60.00
													440,784.00			

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TABLE G. AND H. TOTAL GIFTS AND LOCAL EXPENDITURES, THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1956

Index Number	CHURCHES	Associational Treasurer Heath B. Marsh Rt. 5, Hickory	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Total Gifts for All Purposes	Total Salaries (Do Not Include Pastor's Salary Here)	Maintenance, Insurance, Repair, etc.	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature, Song Books, Printing, etc.	Local Missions and Benevolences	Revival Expenses and Pastoral Supply	Payment on Church Debt	Other Local Expenses	Total Local Expenses (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary (Money Paid)	Grand Total Local Expense
1	Brookford.....	B. B. Bishop, 496 10th Ave. Dr.; S E, Hickory		\$11,834.00	\$1,151.00	\$289.00	\$.....	\$.....	\$1,201.00	\$324.00	\$2,067.00	\$4,753.00	10,131.00	\$1,470.00	11,601.00
2	Catawba.....	Grady Abernathy, Catawba		10,986.00	650.00	731.00	777.00	483.00	52.00	276.00	702.00	814.00	4,485.00	3,200.00	7,685.00
3	Claremont.....	Mrs. Francis M. Henry 220 W. A St., Newton		5,548.00	.....	319.00	869.00	360.00	.....	189.00	840.00	.....	2,577.00	2,258.00	4,835.00
4	Conover.....	Gordon Isaac, Rt. 2, Newton		5,212.00	.....	457.00	.....	75.00	.....	210.00	660.00	448.00	1,820.00	1,690.00	3,510.00
5	Corinth.....	R. L. Whisnaut, Rt. 1, Hickory		9,360.00	130.00	263.00	.....	408.00	236.00	814.00	3,250.00	113.00	6,270.00	3,868.00	10,138.00
6	Hickory, Calvary.....	Mrs. William Marr, Rt. 1, Box 638, Hickory		11,877.00	478.00	622.00	533.00	296.00	164.00	602.00	1,437.00	907.00	4,092.00	2,155.00	6,247.00
7	" Community.....	Clyde F. Helton, P. O. Box 170, Hickory		5,381.00	273.00	125.00	518.00	230.00	264.00	1,569.00	1,377.00	1,162.00	13,883.00	3,276.00	17,159.00
8	" East Hickory.....	John Alvin Ward, Rt. 3, Box 234A, Hickory		22,135.00	2,366.00	1,358.00	171.00	1,126.00	1,216.00	9,650.00	23,423.00	13,363.00	19,131.00	8,250.00	19,983.00
9	" First.....	C. W. Broome, 26 5th Ave. N E, Hickory		165,828.00	14,865.00	4,103.00	130,651.00	2,795.00	1,216.00	1,494.00	21,270.00	2,985.00	49,637.00	4,381.00	54,018.00
10	" Highland.....	A. C. Ogren, 825 Main Ave. N E, Hickory		69,656.00	9,488.00	2,224.00	8,167.00	3,186.00	823.00	1,494.00	3,705.00	259.00	6,571.00	4,275.00	10,846.00
11	" Longview.....	Fred Crump, 2127 5th Ave. N W, Hickory		11,445.00	390.00	904.00	520.00	480.00	138.00	75.00	3,705.00	510.00	1,205.00	3,030.00	4,235.00
12	" Oakland Heights.....	Walter Daniels, 58 34th St. N W, Hickory		5,321.00	168.00	145.00	.....	253.00	54.00	145.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
13	" Penelope.....	Jack Cordell, 512 33rd St. S W, Hickory		50,383.00	5,195.00	3,038.00	12,379.00	2,420.00	360.00	54.00	9,386.00	1,673.00	35,035.00	6,701.00	41,736.00
14	" Temple.....	J. L. Woody, Rt. 2, Newton		17,945.00	1,543.00	717.00	125.00	1,049.00	.....	545.00	3,900.00	2,039.00	9,918.00	3,764.00	13,682.00
15	" Viewmont.....	Mrs. Lowell Russell, 74 18th Ave. N W, Hickory		59,555.00	8,557.00	1,873.00	.....	2,540.00	26.00	400.00	26,328.00	5,334.00	45,058.00	6,040.00	51,098.00
16	" West Hickory.....	A. E. Gabbard, 422 11th St. S W, Hickory		61,084.00	4,895.00	1,495.00	21,111.00	2,546.00	332.00	305.00	18,200.00	5,430.00	54,314.00	6,270.00	60,584.00
17	Hildebran.....	Frank Johnson, Hildebran		23,433.00	999.00	1,399.00	1,500.00	1,436.00	59.00	430.00	8,885.00	2,344.00	16,022.00	4,505.00	20,527.00
18	Icard.....	Julia Carswell, Rt. 1, Box 25, Connelly Springs		14,100.00	794.00	1,820.00	.....	697.00	55.00	175.00	8,800.00	3,512.00	9,933.00	3,975.00	13,908.00
19	Mountain Grove.....	Grady Sam, Rt. 1, Hickory		10,060.00	684.00	2,308.00	170.00	538.00	1,810.00	477.00	8,800.00	1,132.00	7,923.00	3,325.00	11,248.00
20	Newton, North.....	Perry Huitt, 2338 N. Main Ave., Newton		17,925.00	6,150.00	1,104.00	946.00	1,661.00	1,010.00	443.00	12,517.00	23,851.00	6,202.00	30,063.00	
21	" First.....	Gene Cochrane, Box 161, Conover		15,626.00	1,405.00	831.00	694.00	1,236.00	243.00	332.00	3,198.00	9,931.00	4,060.00	13,083.00	
22	Oxford Community.....	Dale Hedrick, Sr., Rt. 1, Conover		1,177.00	60.00	355.00	.....	50.00	40.00	75.00	1,800.00	341.00	880.00	347.00	1,177.00
23	Orama.....	C. Ray Starnes, Rt. 2, Conover		10,264.00	60.00	118.00	153.00	233.00	129.00	410.00	353.00	691.00	31,308.00	5,330.00	36,638.00
24	Providence.....	Mrs. Ora Brittain, Rt. 4, Hickory		19,182.00	1,083.00	638.00	26,513.00	1,304.00	879.00	200.00	.....	.....	3,909.00	1,756.00	5,665.00
25	Sandy Ridge.....	Earl Bungegner, Rt. 3, Hickory		3,030.00	15.00	9.00	2,400.00	.....	.....	40.00	350.00	428.00	2,299.00	980.00	4,279.00
26	Starown.....	Clarence Smith, 1507 N. Frye Ave., Newton		4,364.00	90.00	191.00	1,647.00	166.00	81.00	114.00	336.00	156.00	2,781.00	1,660.00	4,441.00
27	Sweetwater.....	Ernest C. Robinson, Rt. 3, Box 363, Hickory		14,894.00	440.00	866.00	1,797.00	519.00	530.00	200.00	602.00	270.00	5,224.00	4,080.00	9,254.00
28	Warlick's.....	Earl W. Franklin, Valdese		.....	130.00	.....	737.00	295.00	.....	165.00	1,387.00	161.00	2,825.00	3,950.00	6,775.00
29	Wayside.....	Hugh Bolick, Rt. 4, Hickory		6,550.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Totals.....			\$719,405.00	\$62,029.00	\$28,445.00	\$217,378.00	\$26,898.00	\$9,702.00	\$11,810.00	\$141,865.00	\$63,746.00	\$561,873.00	\$105,508.00	\$667,381.00

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TABLE I. AND J. MISSION EXPENDITURES AND TOTAL EXPENDITURES, THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1956

Index Number	CHURCHES	Associational Missionary (None)	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Other objects Relief and Annuity, etc.	Total Missions Expenditures	Grand Total Expenditures for All Purposes
1	Brookford.....	George G. Flowers, Box 373, Brookford.....	\$6,730.00	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 300.00	\$2,319.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 98.00	\$ 9,570.00	\$ 21,171.00
2	Catawba.....	Mrs. Georgia Elmore, Catawba.....	1,305.00	97.00	62.00	102.00	95.00	.....	173.00	50.00	8.00	1,892.00	9,577.00
3	Claremont.....	Mrs. James M. Sigmom, 216 W. A St., Newton.....	348.00	33.00	36.00	68.00	147.00	.....	48.00	11.00	29.00	720.00	5,555.00
4	Conover.....	Mrs. Junie Tuggle, Rt. 1, Newton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.00	.....	300.00	312.00	5,212.00
5	Corinth.....	Miss Elma Stallings, Rt. 3, Vale.....	.....	73.00	78.00	33.00	34.00	.....	191.00	55.00	155.00	1,112.00	4,292.00
6	Hickory, Calvary.....	Mrs. David W. Hollar, 635 4th Ave. N. E., Hickory.....	493.00	3.00	324.00	9.00	748.00	.....	43.00	26.00	.....	1,477.00	11,615.00
7	" Community.....	James B. Melvin, 12 13th St. S. E., Hickory.....	.....	60.00	.....	11.00	.....	.....	21.00	30.00	.....	1,112.00	6,359.00
8	" East Hickory.....	Jeanette Walker, 921 15th St. N. E., Hickory.....	1,773.00	136.00	.....	21.00	.....	.....	.....	36.00	312.00	2,297.00	19,350.00
9	" First.....	C. W. Broome, 26 5th Ave. N. W., Hickory.....	34,479.00	973.00	851.00	706.00	3,997.00	826.00	1,913.00	550.00	785.00	45,082.00	243,713.00
10	" Highland.....	V. H. White, P. O. Box 355, Hickory.....	7,942.00	343.00	168.00	244.00	487.00	470.00	299.00	166.00	421.00	10,450.00	64,468.00
11	" Longview.....	Dura Pittman, 227 32nd St. S. W., Hickory.....	345.00	100.00	28.00	.....	.....	.....	36.00	38.00	21.00	588.00	11,414.00
12	" Oakland Heights.....	Mrs. Louise King, 714 10th St. Blvd. N. W., Hickory.....	325.00	30.00	14.00	7.00	75.00	.....	60.00	10.00	63.00	584.00	4,819.00
13	" Penelope.....	Paul O. Mize, Rt. 1, Box 514, Hickory.....	8,565.00	460.00	173.00	193.00	445.00	580.00	874.00	145.00	240.00	11,674.00	53,410.00
14	" Temple.....	Mrs. Horace Hooks, Rt. 3, Box 1214, Hickory.....	1,156.00	151.00	100.00	51.00	33.00	.....	308.00	13.00	45.00	1,875.00	15,557.00
15	" Viewmont.....	Mrs. John J. Poteat, 1385 5th St. N. E., Hickory.....	4,875.00	300.00	158.00	608.00	1,133.00	.....	221.00	445.00	.....	7,740.00	58,838.00
16	" West Hickory.....	James A. Pierce, 620 11th St. N. W., Hickory.....	6,470.00	390.00	284.00	85.00	635.00	.....	565.00	223.00	529.00	9,181.00	60,765.00
17	Hildebran.....	Mary Frances Eggers, Hildebran.....	2,200.00	169.00	365.00	715.00	100.00	.....	122.00	159.00	.....	3,936.00	21,463.00
18	Icard.....	Lloyd Ledford, Box 116, Icard.....	1,156.00	34.00	65.00	115.00	103.00	50.00	45.00	70.00	27.00	1,665.00	15,573.00
19	Mountain Grove.....	Mrs. C. S. Echeard, Rt. 1, Hickory.....	1,083.00	97.00	172.00	124.00	92.00	.....	81.00	110.00	51.00	1,810.00	13,058.00
20	Newton, First.....	Mrs. Dillard E. Howell, P. O. Box 5, Newton.....	4,988.00	333.00	231.00	360.00	1,080.00	.....	588.00	227.00	450.00	8,579.00	38,612.00
21	" North.....	Mr. Fay Drum, 2012 N. Ashe Ave., Newton.....	1,075.00	103.00	112.00	71.00	143.00	.....	228.00	150.00	371.00	2,263.00	15,334.00
22	Oxford Community.....	Mrs. Gerald Pope, Rt. 1, Conover.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,177.00
23	Orana.....	Miss Bernada Houser, Rt. 3, Box 276B, Hickory.....	275.00	.....	22.00	22.00	12.00	.....	21.00	12.00	240.00	586.00	6,251.00
24	Providence.....	Mrs. Millie Whitener, Rt. 4, Box 261, Hickory.....	100.00	72.00	50.00	25.00	25.00	.....	91.00	23.00	122.00	510.00	9,250.00
25	Sandy Ridge.....	Mrs. Donnie Page, Rt. 3, Hickory.....	275.00	145.00	54.00	64.00	50.00	.....	.....	38.00	60.00	740.00	37,378.00
26	Starctown.....	Mrs. Leslie Brittain, Rt. 1, Newton.....	38.00	11.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.00	.....	.....	56.00	4,353.00
27	Sweetwater.....	Miss Paisy Houston, Rt. 3, Box 398, Hickory.....	125.00	49.00	28.00	8.00	16.00	.....	20.00	21.00	.....	267.00	4,708.00
28	Warlick s.....	E. T. Berry, Icard.....	805.00	72.00	.....	19.00	4.00	.....	42.00	34.00	.....	976.00	10,230.00
29	Wayside.....	John Porter, Rt. 1, Hickory.....	15.00	45.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60.00	6,835.00
Totals.....			\$6,981.00	\$4,281.00	\$3,037.00	\$3,311.00	10,068.00	\$3,015.00	\$8,292.00	\$2,712.00	\$4,327.00	126,084.00	\$793,465.00

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Hickory, West Hickory—A. E. Gabbard.....	422 11th Street SW,	Hickory
Hildebran, First—Perry Abernethy.....		Hildebran
Icard—S. A. Carswell.....		Icard
Mountain Grove—Thomas Stewart.....		Rt. 1, Hickory
Newton, First—Robert T. Boatwright.....		Conover
Newton, North—Ray Abernathy.....	2418 N. Main Avenue,	Newton
Oxford Community—		
Oyama—D. D. Granger.....		Route 2, Conover
Providence—M. S. Brittian.....		Route 4, Hickory
Sandy Ridge—E. L. Bumgarner.....		Route 3, Hickory
Springs Road—Warner Benge.....		Route 1, Conover
Startown—Forest Bumgardner.....		Route 1, Newton
Sweetwater—Paul Bradshaw.....	1664 C. Avenue, SE,	Hickory
Warlick's—Leon Lawman.....		Rt. 2, Connelly Springs
Wayside—Ed Cook.....		Route 1, Hickory

IMPORTANT NOTICES

1. This association has no Baptist school, hospital, encampment, orphanage, state or south-wide agency or board located within its borders.

2. There is no W. M. U., Sunday School, Training Union or Brotherhood meeting during the sessions of our association. All these meet at some other time. No minutes of their meetings were furnished the clerk for publication except the W. M. U. Information on their work can be found in their reports to this body.

3. The calendar of activities of the association is incomplete at this time but will be issued at a later date.

4. Reports to this session of the association are found in the section immediately following the Proceedings of Association and bear the name of chairman of the committee only.

5. In the Proceedings of the Association no mention is made of a motion for the adoption of reports. The fact that they appear in the minutes prove their adoption.

LIST OF MESSENGERS

- BROOKFORD (4) Mrs. Dewey Austin, Mrs. W. C. Laney, Mrs. J. R. Holsclaw.
- CATAWBA (5) B. A. Cooper (Pastor), Mrs. W. R. Keith, Mrs. D. H. Webber, Mrs. Carl Wike, H. A. Witherspoon, Mrs. Henry Witherspoon.
- CLAREMONT (3) James M. Sigmon (Pastor).
- CONOVER (4)
- CORINTH (5) C. L. Pickler (Pastor), Mrs. Luther Costner, Mrs. W. J. Johnson, J. D. Wilson.
- HICKORY, CALVARY (5) W. W. Marr (Pastor), Mrs. Florence Hawkins, Mrs. W. W. Marr, Mrs. Lee Seitz, Mrs. Mattie Seitz.
- HICKORY, COMMUNITY (5)
- HICKORY, EAST (6) T. W. Nelson (Pastor), Mrs. E. D. Canipe, Mrs. G. W. DeHart, Mrs. Joe Franklin, Mrs. Celia Friar, Mrs. Lindsay Miller, Jr., Mrs. T. W. Nelson.
- HICKORY, FIRST (17) Jones Abernethy, Mrs. C. O. Beach, Mrs. D. H. Cordell, Mrs. L. P. Frans, Donald Greene, J. D. Greene, Mrs. E. C. Link.
- HICKORY, HIGHLAND (10) J. Howard Cates (Pastor) Mrs. J. Howard Cates, W. B. Duncan, Mrs. W. B. Duncan, Mrs. A. C. Ogren, Mrs. M. C. Turbyfill, V. H. White.
- HICKORY, LONGVIEW (5) J. D. Compton (Pastor), Fred Crump.
- HICKORY, OAKLAND HEIGHTS (4) Berry Lafone (Pastor) Mrs. Lee R. Brooks, Mrs. Ralph Bumgardner, Mrs. Anderson Cole, Mrs. Berry Lafone.
- HICKORY, PENELOPE (11) O. Jack Murphy (Pastor), Mrs. Julius Butler, O. T. Crump, Mrs. C. T. Crump, Mrs. T. F. Digh, Mrs. Nellie Frye, John S. Hildebran, Mrs. John S. Hildebran, O. E. McCray, Mrs. O. Jack Murphy, Mrs. Howard Penland, Mrs. Henry Starnes.
- HICKORY, TEMPLE (6) W. S. Elliott (Pastor), Mrs. L. B. Bivins, Mrs. Olin Brown, Mrs. Dillon Cannon, Mrs. O. L. Kenworthy, Mrs. Ralph Kendall, E. F. Sullivan.
- HICKORY, VIEWMONT (11) Albert A. Young (Pastor), Mrs. Larry Joe Beckom, Miss Ruth Durham, Roy Huffman, Mrs. Carroll Moser, Jake Poteat, Mrs. Charles Ray Yount.
- HICKORY, WEST (13) Fritz D. Hemphill (Pastor), Walter Cannon, Miss Helen Cater, Mrs. James Coble, Mrs. J. E. Day, Mrs. Wayne Elder, Mrs. A. E. Gabbard, Mrs. Fritz D. Hemphill, Boyd L. Matheson, Rev. J. Louis Price, Mrs. J. Louis Price, Mrs. A. A. Rowe, Mrs. Carl Stallings, Mrs. Enloe Young.
- HILDEBRAN, FIRST (8) B. R. Holbrook (Pastor), Howard Abernethy, J. P. Abernethy, Mrs. James Abernethy, Mrs. B. M. Cooke, Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, Mrs. L. H. Page, Robert Rhoney.
- ICARD (5) Olin D. Hefner (Pastor), Ben Epps, Mrs. Eugene Glass, Mrs. Roy Simpson, Mrs. M. C. Warlick, Mrs. Dale Wilson.

- MOUNTAIN GROVE (5) L. Vernon Connell (Pastor), Wade P. Abee, Mrs. Vernon Connell, C. S. Echerd.
- NEWTON, FIRST (11) James M. Wilder (Pastor), Mrs. D. M. Brunson, Sr., Mrs. Grover Hewitt, Mrs. Harold Hewitt, Mrs. Craig Hilton, Perry D. Huitt, Mrs. C. D. Jessup, Mrs. R. E. Vickers, Mrs. J. M. Wilder.
- NEWTON, NORTH (6) James R. Helvey (Pastor), D. O. Benfield, Fay P. Drum, Mrs. Harley Drum, Carl Hefner, Mrs. James R. Helvey, Mrs. Fred Tate.
- OXFORD COMMUNITY (3) Victor L. Andrews (Supply Pastor), Avery Minton, Mrs. Gerald Pope, Robert E. Powell.
- OYAMA (3) Harold D. Whitener (Pastor), Mrs. Earl O. Lutz, Mrs. D. D. Granger.
- PROVIDENCE (4) M. L. Ross (Pastor), Mrs. Ernest Cline, Mrs. M. L. Ross, Mrs. Russell Schrum, Mrs. Mildred Whitener.
- SANDY RIDGE (5) Mrs. J. W. McClean, Mrs. Guy Martin, Mrs. V. C. Martin.
- SPRINGS ROAD (3) William E. Melvin (Pastor), J. W. Perkins, Mrs. J. W. Perkins, W. Richard Sprouse.
- STARTOWN (3) Larry Penley (Pastor), Forrest Bumgardner, Mrs. Forrest Bumgardner.
- SWEETWATER (3) Ted Starnes (Pastor), Edwin L. Davis, Mrs. John Eller.
- WARLICK'S (6) M. L. Hastings (Pastor), Mrs. Albert Berry, A. A. Crump, Mrs. A. A. Crump, Mrs. Matt L. Hastings, Mrs. Pearl Starnes.
- WAYSIDE (3) Horace Harris (Pastor), J. A. Cook, Thomas Hardin.

CONSTITUTION

Adopted October 25, 1956

Article I. NAME

This body shall be known as the Theron Rankin Baptist Association.

Article II. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the association shall be to devise and implement plans for the enlargement and accomplishment of the missionary enterprise of the member churches through fellowship and cooperation with each other. The association shall seek to recommend measures for the increased harmony and spiritual power of member churches. It shall provide an organizational framework for the promotion of the cause of missions, including education and evangelism, through the program sponsored by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Article III. ARTICLES OF FAITH

The articles of faith of this association, which shall be the basis of fellowship and cooperation, are those adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis, May 14, 1925.

Article IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The association shall be composed of the Missionary Baptists Churches which are members of the present association.

Section 2. The association shall receive into its fellowship and program such other Missionary Baptists Churches as adhere to the teachings of the Bible as expressed in the Articles of Faith of the association, subscribe to the constitution and by-laws of the association, and support the Southern Baptist and North Carolina Baptist Missions program.

Section 3. The association shall withdraw fellowship from member churches upon their continual refusal to cooperate in the accomplishment of the objective of the association.

Article V. MEETINGS

Section 1. The association shall meet in regular session annually for two days in one or more of its member churches for the purpose of transacting the business of the association and for the inspiration of member churches in the support of the cause of missions.

Section 2. Upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Moderator shall call special meetings of the association when necessary with adequate notice to all member churches.

Section 3. Meetings of the association organizations, i. e., Sunday School, Baptist Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood, shall be held during the associational year under the leadership of the associational officers. The purpose of these meetings shall be the promotion of the missionary enterprise through the work of the individual organizations.

Article VI. OFFICERS

The officers of the association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Historian, Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, W. M. U. President, Brotherhood President, Director of Music, three Treastees, and Publicity Chairman.

Article VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

The standing committees of the association shall be as follows: Executive, Nominating, Program, Membership, Resolutions, Extension, Finance, Time and Place, Christian Life, and Evangelism.

Article VIII. AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended on the first day of the annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the messengers present provided that such amendment, alteration or repeal shall have been presented in writing at the previous annual meeting.

BY-LAWS

Article I. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Application from Missionary Baptist Churches desiring membership in the association shall be in the hands of the membership committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting. This committee shall report on the first day of the annual meeting. Messengers of the applying churches may be seated upon its acceptance into the membership of the association by two-thirds majority vote.

Section 2. Member churches, at the close of the associational year, shall send annually to the association a report relative to the location, dates of preaching, membership, baptisms, revivals and other information. Forms for the gathering of this information will be furnished by the clerk of the association.

Article II. MEETINGS

Section 1. The annual meeting of the association shall be held on Thursday and Friday following the third Sunday in October.

Section 2. The association year shall close on September 30.

Section 3. Reports to the annual meeting of the association, with the exception of the report of the Executive Committee, shall be limited to 300 words.

Section 4. Parliamentary procedure of all meetings of the association and its Executive Committee shall be in accordance with Kerfoot's "Parliamentary Practice."

Section 5. Business sessions of the association shall be composed of messengers from the member churches. Each member church shall send three messengers for the first 100 members of the church and one messenger for each additional 100 members or major fraction thereof.

Article III. ELECTION AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers of the association shall be elected by majority vote. The Moderator and Vice-Moderator shall be nominated from the floor. Other officers

shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. Nominations by the Nominating Committee, however, shall not preclude nominations from the floor. All officers shall assume their duties at the close of the annual meeting. Vacancies occurring between meetings of the association shall be filled by the Executive Committee upon nomination from the Nominating Committee.

Section 2. The Moderator shall preside over the annual meetings of the association and all meetings of the Executive Committee. He may, by fraternal visitation, counsel and advise with the churches regarding the work of the association during the year. He shall not be eligible to succeed himself after the third successive term. He is ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 3. The Vice-Moderator shall assist the Moderator in ways designated by the Moderator.

Section 4. The Clerk shall keep all records of the association, distribute report blanks to the clerks of member churches, make accurate record of the proceedings of the body in session, and prepare and issue the minutes as soon as possible after the annual meeting of the association. He shall also serve as Clerk of the Executive Committee.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall receive, deposit and disburse all funds of the association as designated by the association or its Executive Committee. He shall report quarterly to the Executive Committee and present an audited report at the annual meeting of the association. The Treasurer shall calculate the quota of each church in the support of the budget according to the financial plan of the association and notify member churches as to the amount of their quota.

Section 6. The Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, W. M. U. President and Brotherhood President shall promote the work of their respective organizations, lead educational and inspirational meetings for their organizations, and encourage the organization of new units in the member churches of the association.

Section 7. The Director of Music shall assist in developing better music in member churches. He shall be responsible for the music at all meetings of the association and its Executive Committee; leading the music, providing accompaniment and arranging for special music.

Section 8. The Trustees shall be the legal representatives of the association in all matters relating to law, sign all legal documents as directed by the association and/or the Executive Committee. They shall have the power, under instructions of the association and/or the Executive Committee, to hold, buy, sell and convey property, both real and personal and to sign all papers necessary for the purchase of conveyance. The Trustees shall administrate the Scholarship fund.

Section 9. The Historian shall record as a part of the permanent record of the association those facts and events that are of historical value to the association.

Article IV. ELECTION AND DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. All standing committees of the association, with the exception of the Executive Committee, shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the messengers present at the annual meeting. All standing committees, with the ex-

ception of the Executive and Nominating Committees, shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee, shall be nominated from the floor.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Association, and the pastor and one layman from each church of the association. The officers of the association shall be the officers of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once quarterly on Friday following the fourth Sunday of the second month of each quarter. The duty of the Executive Committee shall be to conduct the affairs of the association between its annual meetings. It shall supervise the work of the standing committees of the association and be empowered to appoint such other temporary committees as are necessary for the effective carrying out of the work of the association.

Section 3. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members. It shall nominate the officers of the association, with the exception of the Executive and Nominating Committees.

Section 4. The Program Committee shall consist of five members, including the host pastor or pastors and associational Director of Music. This committee shall prepare and distribute to member churches a copy of the suggested program for the annual meeting at least 30 days before the meeting.

Section 5. The Membership Committee shall consist of five members. It shall receive and consider all petitionary letters regarding churches seeking membership in the association. It shall investigate and make recommendations concerning any complaints relative to the fellowship and cooperation of member churches.

Section 6. The Resolutions Committee shall consist of five members. It shall draft all resolutions directed to it and others as it deems wise.

Section 7. The Extension Committee shall consist of five members. The work of this committee shall be to discover places for mission churches.

Section 8. The Finance Committee shall consist of four members and the Treasurer as ex-officio chairman. This committee shall prepare a proposed budget for the association. It shall also recommend a financial plan for subscribing the budget.

Section 9. The Place and Preacher Committee shall consist of five members. It shall receive invitations and recommend places for the annual meeting of the association. It also shall recommend a preacher and an alternate for the annual sermon.

Section 10. The Christian Life Committee shall consist of five members. It shall keep abreast of the moral level of the life of the community. It shall lead the association in Christian conduct, cooperating with other groups, such as, The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, The Allied Church League, the Citizens' Committee for Good Government, working for the moral improvement of the Christian life of the community.

Article V. AMENDMENTS

The By-Laws may be altered or amended at any business session of the association by two-thirds vote of the messengers present provided that a minimum of 30 days notice has been given to each of the member churches.

Proceedings

SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

October 24, 1957

West Hickory Church

1. The Theron Rankin Baptist Association convened for its second annual session with the West Hickory Church. J. Howard Cates directed the singing of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" and "Blessed Assurance." Jimmy Wilson was at the organ. Edgar Melvin read from Psalm 138 and led in prayer. The hymn, "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" was sung.

2. The moderator announced the second session convened for the transaction of business. On motion it was voted that those messengers who have already registered or will register constitute this meeting. Fritz D. Hemphill, host pastor and moderator, extended a welcome. He recognized the visitors from outside our association. Latt Beshears, moderator of South Folk Association, brought greetings from his association.

3. Albert A. Young presented new pastors who have come into the association since the last session. B. A. Cooper, J. Howard Cates, J. D. Compton, William S. Elliott, M. L. Ross, Horace Harris, William E. Melvin.

4. During the business session Albert A. Young presented the program for the session and made the motion that we follow the printed program as nearly as practicable. The program was adopted.

PROGRAM

West Hickory

Thursday Morning

10:00—Praise, Scripture, Prayer.....	Edgar Melvin
10:15—Organization, Enrolment, Committees, etc.	
10:25—Treasurer's Report, Finances.....	H. B. Marsh
10:40—Sunday School Report.....	T. W. Nelson
Message	
11:05—Hymn, Business	
11:15—Training Union.....	James Helvey
Message	
11:40—American Bible Society.....	Mrs. Wayne Elder
11:50—Hymn	
11:55—Annual Sermon.....	O. Jack Murphy
12:30—Lunch	

Thursday Afternoon

1:45—Praise, Scripture, Prayer.....	William S. Elliott
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2:00—Baptist Literature.....	Larry Penley
Message.....	C. W. Bazemore, Raleigh
2:15—Woman's Missionary Union.....	Mrs. B. R. Holbrook
Message.....	Miss Viola Campbell, Missionary to Mexico
2:40—Hymn	
2:45—Baptist Hospital.....	Mrs. R. T. Boatwright
Message.....	Albert Meiberg, Winston-Salem
3:00—Doctrinal Sermon.....	L. H. Hollingsworth, Boone
3:30—Adjourn	

Thursday Evening

7:15—Praise, Scripture, Prayer.....	M. L. Hastings
7:30—Brotherhood.....	Robert Rhoney
Message	
7:55—Hymn	
8:00—Minister's Retirement Plan.....	E. F. Sullivan
8:10—Special Music.....	West Hickory Choir
8:25—The Cooperative Program.....	Albert A. Young
Message.....	E. C. Upchurch, Raleigh
9:00—Adjourn	

Mountain Grove

Friday Morning

9:45—Praise, Scripture, Prayer.....	Ted L. Starnes
10:00—Home For Aging.....	Mrs. W. B. Duncan
Message.....	James M. Hayes, Winston-Salem
10:20—Executive Committee Report.....	Fritz D. Hemphill
10:30—Hymn	
10:35—Our Children's Home.....	James M. Wilder
Message.....	W. A. Smith, Kinston
10:55—Special Music.....	Mountain Grove
11:00—Foreign Missions.....	J. Howard Cates
11:10—Hymn	
11:15—State Missions.....	C. L. Pickler
11:25—Christian Education.....	J. Louis Price
Message.....	M. H. Kendall, Mars Hill
12:00—Lunch	

Friday Afternoon

1:30—Praise, Scripture, Prayer.....	J. D. Compton
1:45—Business, Report of Committees, etc.	

2:00—Home Missions.....	B. A. Cooper
2:10—Hymn	
2:15—Historian.....	Dick Byrd
2:25—Evangelism.....	O. Jack Murphy
2:35—Memorial Service.....	M. L. Ross
2:45—Election of Officers, Business	
3:00—The Christian Citizen.....	V. C. Martin
	Wendell Davis, Statesville
3:30—Adjourn	

5. J. Louis Price read the report of the membership committee recommending that the Springs Road Church be accepted into the association and Grace Church be taken under the watchcare of the association. The churches were accepted as recommended. (See report of committee for details.) The moderator extended the hand of welcome into the association to members of Springs Road church and welcome under the watchcare of the association to Grace Church.

6. Albert A. Young, Vice-moderator, presented a gavel made in Hong Kong, China from native Teak wood to Fritz D. Hemphill, Moderator. This gavel was given by Mrs. M. Theron Rankin and friends from Hong Kong. On motion by L. V. Connell and seconded by E. F. Sullivan it was voted to express appreciation to Mrs. Rankin for the gavel.

7. The Treasurer and Finance committee reports were presented in mimeograph form. This report including the budget for 1957-58 was adopted.

8. Boyd L. Matheson, chairman, of enrolment, reported 191 registered.

9. T. W. Nelson, Sunday School Superintendent, gave the Sunday School report. He presented Dr. Herman Ihley, State Sunday School Secretary, who brought a challenging message.

10. The Hymn, "I Love to Tell the Story," was sung. The moderator appointed the following to fill vacancies: Gordon Taylor to replace Lewis Beal, removed, on Resolutions committee; J. Howard Cates, Chairman, Place and Preacher committee, to replace A. V. Ledford, removed; J. D. Compton, Horace Harris to replace R. L. Ball and T. W. Van Horn removed, Place and Preacher committee; Albert A. Young to replace Robert W. Crapps, removed, on Christian Life Committee; Larry Penley to replace Lewis Beal on Baptist Literature; O. Jack Murphy to replace R. K. Benfield, removed, on Evangelism; James Helvey to replace Robert W. Crapps, removed on Publicity Committee.

11. The enrolment was given as 104 messengers and 51 visitors. A digest of reports prepared by the clerk was distributed in mimeograph form.

12. With the vice-moderator, Albert A. Young, presiding James Helvey gave the Training Union report and spoke to his report.

13. With the moderator again presiding the American Bible Society report was given by Mrs. Wayne Elder.

14. Following the singing of the Hymn, "I Am Thine, O Lord," W. S. Elliott read from Philippians 2. The annual sermon was brought by O. Jack Murphy.

15. A bountiful meal was served by the host church at the noon hour.

Thursday Afternoon

16. The afternoon session was opened with the singing of the Hymn, "Send the Light." William S. Elliott read from Matthew 5 and led in prayer.

17. The Baptist Literature report was presented by Larry Penley. C. W. Bazemore from the Biblical Recorder staff spoke to the report. He stated that more than half of the homes in the Theron Rankin Association received the Biblical Recorder.

18. The enrolment was given as 146 messengers and 65 visitors, Total 211. The Conover and Community Churches not being represented.

19. The W. M. U. report was given by Mrs. B. R. Holbrook who presented Miss Viola Campbell, missionary to Mexico, to bring the message. She told of the great need for mission work in Mexico where we have 33 missionaries for 33 million people.

20. Following the singing of the Hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign," Mrs. Robert Boatwright brought the Baptist Hospital report and presented Albert Meiberg of the Baptist Hospital who spoke to her report.

21. L. H. Hollingsworth of the First Church, Boone, brought a doctrinal message to close the afternoon session. E. F. Sullivan led the prayer.

Thursday Evening

22. With Hendley Ellington leading the music and Mrs. Enloe Young at the organ the Hymns, "We're Marching to Zion" and "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story" were sung. M. L. Hastings read scripture and led in prayer.

23. Robert Rhoney read the Brotherhood report and presented Donald Greene who introduced Vick Jones and Joe Orr of First Church, Hendersonville who gave testimonies. The Hymn, "The Son of God Goes Forth to War" was sung.

24. The Minister's Retirement Plan report was given by E. F. Sullivan.

25. The Sanctuary Choir of West Hickory Church sang "Were You There?" and "How Great Thou Art." By request of the moderator they also sang "Man of Sorrows."

26. Albert A. Young gave the Cooperative Program report and introduced E. C. Upchurch, Church Development Secretary for the State Convention, who brought a message. In his message he stated that 40% of our church members help carry on our program.

The enrolment was reported as 154 messengers and 124 visitors making a total of 278 registered for the day.

The closing prayer was led by Albert A. Young.

Friday Morning**Mountain Grove Church**

27. The second day's session convened at Mountain Grove church with Miss Ruth Durham leading the music and Mrs. Nancy Annas at the organ. Following the singing of "Holy, Holy, Holy" and "Praise Him, Praise Him" Ted L. Starnes read scripture and led in prayer.

28. Mrs. W. B. Duncan gave the report of the Home For Aging and presented I. R. Corbett, retired minister of Marion, N. C., who brought a message.

The enrolment for the second day's session was reported as 141.

29. With Albert A. Young presiding Fritz D. Hemphill presented his report for the Executive Committee. Following this report several brethren spoke on taking a survey of the river area beyond Viewmont and as time had expired it was voted to discuss this matter at 1:45 business session.

The Hymn, "Onward, Christian Soldiers" was sung.

30. The Children's Homes report was given by James M. Wilder who presented W. A. Smith from the orphanage who spoke.

31. Lynn Connell sang a solo, "It's Real."

32. J. Howard Cates gave the Foreign Missions report. A Hymn, "Here Am I, Send Me" was sung.

33. The enrolment report was as follows: 159 total present, of these 101 are messengers and 58 visitors. The Conover and Community Churches are still not represented.

34. C. L. Pickler gave the report on State Missions.

L. Vernon Connell, host pastor, extended a welcome.

35. The Christian Education report was given by J. Louis Price. M. H. Kendall of Mars Hill College brought the message.

36. Following prayer led by B. A. Cooper the noon meal was served by the host church.

Friday Afternoon

37. The afternoon session was opened by singing the hymns, "Amazing Grace" and "He Leadeth Me." J. D. Compton read from Philippians 2 and led in prayer.

38. J. Howard Cates brought the report of Place and Preacher committee as follows: First day, Viewmont, Second day, Providence; Preacher, James Helvey, Alternate, L. Vernon Connell. The report was adopted.

39. The Resolutions committee report was brought by James Wilder. On motion it was decided to accept the report in its entirety.

Following a motion which was adopted to extend the time two minutes, it was decided to send the resolution regarding dancing on our college campuses to the Biblical Recorder.

40. B. A. Cooper presented the Home Missions report. The hymn, "Lead On, O King Eternal" was sung.

41. T. W. Nelson read the history as prepared by Albert A. Young.

42. O. Jack Murphy gave the report on Evangelism.

43. M. L. Ross led the memorial service for those deceased during the year.

44. The following officers were elected by nominations from the floor: Moderator, Fritz D. Hemphill, by acclamation; Vice-moderator, James M. Wilder, by acclamation.

J. D. Greene read the list of officers recommended by the nominating committee. These were elected as read. The Sunday School, Music Ministry and Brotherhood officers were elected.

Announcement was made of a meeting of RA Leaders, Brotherhood Presidents and RA committee men to be held at First Church, Hickory on October 28th.

45. It was decided to add publicity chairman following the word "trustees" in Article VI of the constitution and add the word "Evangelism" following the Christian Life Committee in Article VII.

46. The following nominating committee was elected by nominations from the floor: Albert A. Young, chmn., E. F. Sullivan, James M. Wilder, V. H. White, Donald Greene. These were elected by acclamation.

47. The motion to take a survey of the river area beyond Viewmont was renewed but no action was taken in view of the fact that an association-wide census will be taken in February, 1958.

48. A motion was adopted to send best wishes to V. C. Martin who is ill and unable to attend the sessions.

49. The Christian Citizen report prepared by V. C. Martin was read by James Wilder. Wendell Davis of the First Church Statesville brought the closing message. B. R. Holbrook led in prayer. This second annual session proved to be very profitable and inspirational to those attending.

REPORTS

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

J. LOUIS PRICE

The committee met at the First Baptist Church on December 4, 1956. It was decided to offer the services of the committee to two of our churches which at that time seemed to face serious difficulties. The chairman and Rev. E. F. Sullivan visited these communities.

The committee met again at West Hickory Baptist Church on October 11, 1957. The Springs Road Church applied for membership in this association. The church was organized March 3, 1957 with sixty-seven members. Members of this committee, the associational moderator, other pastors, church leaders and a large congregation were present. The church complied with all requirements for membership and your committee recommends that this church be received into the Theron Rankin Baptist Association.

The Grace Baptist Church also applied for membership in the association. The pastor, Rev. Dexter Couch, and Brother E. Jack Jackson met with the committee and answered all questions asked by the committee. The church has thirty-six members. The committee expressed appreciation for information concerning the church but due to the church's past history, the committee did not think it wise to recommend full membership at this time. This church was reorganized July 15, 1956. Only one representative from this association was present. Most of the original members previous to the new organization, we were told, had had left the church. The present membership unanimously voted to ask for membership in this association and the denomination.

We commend this church in the steps they have taken and we recommend that the church be received under the watch-care of the association, as is often the custom, and full membership be deferred pending the decision of the membership committee or action of the association at its next annual meeting. We invite the church to attend all our denominational meetings and to submit its reports to the association.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

MRS. B. R. HOLBROOK

As we look back over the year that has just passed in Woman's Missionary Union work; let us measure our efforts by the eight aims that are given in our "Aims for Advancement."

1. *World Awareness.* We can be rich in the knowledge of missions and needs of the world over by having well planned programs, missionary reading and interesting mission study classes. Subscriptions to our magazines are far too low in the W.M.S. and also the auxiliaries. We had 141 mission books taught, while only 1,261 approved books read. Surely we need to listen more intently to the words of II Timothy 2:15: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed; rightly dividing the word of truth."

2. *Spiritual Life Development.* Our spiritual growth depends much upon our

prayer life. Some of our societies do not observe the Weeks of Prayer for Home and Foreign Missions. Many needs are not met, and many missionaries are disappointed because we did not pray, and did not give emphasis upon the Prayer Calendar. Our Lord said, "Ask and ye shall receive. . . ."

3. *Christian Witnessing.* As we look around we need to see the conditions in our own community, Samaria, first. Our work is made stronger when we lift the spiritual level in our own community. This year we had 86 organizations participating in planned community missions.

4. *Sharing Possessions.* Unlimited opportunities are given us to share the many blessings God has given us by tithing, giving through the Cooperative Program, and the weeks of prayer offerings. To date we have listed 1,323 tithers. Let us not stop until we can widely acclaim, "Every Baptist a Tither."

5. *Educating Youth In Missions.* The missionaries of tomorrow are in our churches today. We have 31 Sunbeam Bands, 39 Girl's Auxiliaries and 15 Young Woman's Auxiliaries. We have added 8 new young people's organizations this year. Our young people are most important, let's be busy educating them to the best things in life.

6. *Enlistment for Missions.* Each society should accept the challenge of bringing every unenlisted woman into this great task that is set before us. We have 27 Woman's Missionary Societies in our Association. Three of these were organized this year. We pray that the other three churches will see the light of W. M. U. and at the meeting next year we can proudly and praisingly say, "Every church in the Theron Rankin Association has a W. M. S., Sunbeam Band, Girl's Auxiliary and Young Woman's Auxiliary."

7. *Leadership Training.* We become more efficient because of leadership training. West Hickory Church was host to the Regional Leadership Conference on September 12. The attendance from the Theron Rankin was very gratifying, as we gathered into eleven different conferences for seven and one-half hours of training.

8. *Reporting Advancement.* Records and reports help us take a backward glance, but also a forward look. As we see the 108 organizations with a membership of 2,676, may we also see that there is much more to be done. Praising for the past is only good if it inflames us with a fervency for the future. We have 12 Churches out of the 27 that have a Full-graded W. M. U. We had 4 Honor Organizations: They were, 2 Intermediate G A's (First Church, Newton and First Church, Hickory) and 2 Y. W. A's (Viewmont and First Church, Hickory). As we advance into the new year, may our aim be and our goal set for an "Honor W. M. U." in every church of the Theron Rankin Association.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

J. D. GREENE

OFFICERS

Clerk—Miss Helen Cater

Treasurer—Heath B. Marsh

Historian—J. D. Greene

Sunday School Superintendent—T. W. Nelson

Training Union Director—William E. Melvin

Brotherhood President—Robert Rhoney
W. M. U. Superintendent—Mrs. B. R. Holbrook
Director of Music—Hendley Ellington
Trustees—T. P. Pruitt, R. T. Boatwright, M. S. Brittian
Publicity—J. Howard Cates

COMMITTEES

Program—Moderator, Director of Music, Host Pastors, Pastor First, Hickory, Mrs. Robert Cody
Membership—Albert A. Young, J. D. Compton, J. Louis Price, James Helvey, B. A. Cooper
Resolutions—C. L. Pickler, E. F. Sullivan, M. L. Ross, Mrs. L. P. Frans, Mrs. T. F. Digh
Extension—O. Jack Murphy, Turner Keys, Heath B. Marsh, Allen Bolick, James Wilder
Finance—Heath B. Marsh, M. L. Hastings, Perry Abernathy, E. M. Suggs, R. T. Boatwright
Place and Preacher—Larry Penley, Ted Starnes, Gordon Taylor, Russell Fisher, W. B. Duncan
Christian Life—James Helvey, V. C. Martin, A. H. Field, E. F. Robinson, George T. Greenway
Evangelism—B. R. Holbrook

Homes for Aging—Mrs. W. T. Stevenson
Baptist Hospital—George G. Flowers
Baptist Children's Homes—Ted L. Starnes
Christian Education—Mrs. James Helvey
Chairman Enrolment Committee for 1958 Session—Berry Lafone
American Bible Society—Miss Irene Covington

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HEATH B. MARSH

To members of the Theron Rankin Association.

Your finance committee has the following recommendations to make:

1. The expenses of the Central Training School should be included in the regular budget of the Association.
2. The item "Brotherhood" should be omitted from the budget. Any men's organization in a church will be stronger if it is self-supporting.
3. All church treasurers mail their check to H. B. Marsh **before** the end of the quarter, month or year that they represent.
4. That we continue to increase our gifts to the extent that we will accumulate enough money in the near future to purchase a lot for a mission church.
5. That all allocated money in the budget which is not spent during the associational year be put into the Missions fund.

6. That all churches in the Association make every possible effort to meet their financial obligations without asking for help from the Associational budget.

We feel that your new suggested budget is planned to take care of the needs of the different departments adequately, even though we have reduced certain items. We were able, because of experience gained in the year just passed, to more ably plan this budget.

We will appreciate any suggestions which you may offer from time to time. Our greatest need in Catawba County now is for more Baptist churches reaching more people.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

T. W. NELSON

Jesus established the Church. He commissioned it in Matthew 28:19-20 which in part says, "Teach them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded." A properly functioning Sunday School guarantees that the Bible will be taught. Effective Bible study leads naturally to intensive effort toward reaching people, winning them to Christ and into Christian service.

This year, our Theron Rankin Association reports 30 Sunday Schools, 11,402 enrolled in Sunday School, an increase of 2 percent over last year, 19 churches observing January Bible Study Week, 26 Vacation Bible Schools and an active Sunday School organization. We have three Standard Sunday Schools this year which is a gain of one.

The State Sunday School Department reports a total of 3,266 Sunday Schools, The Sunday School enrolment at the close of 1956 was 736,635. There were 2,764 Vacation Bible Schools reported during 1956. Thirty-five thousand, nine hundred training awards were earned in 1,192 churches last year. The state goals for 1957-58 are as follows:

People	An enrolment gain of 30,000
Children	3,000 Vacation Bible Schools
Training	50,000 awards in 1,400 churches
Enlargement	150 churches moving from class to department schools
Efficiency	75 Standard Sunday Schools and 10 Standard Associations
Missions	100 new Sunday Schools

Our Goals for our Association:

- At least one new church in our association
- 48 Training Schools in our churches

TREASURER'S REPORT

October 11, 1956-October 11, 1957

H. B. MARSH

Church	Contributions All Causes	Budget 1957-58
Brookford	89.30	90.00
Catawba	113.51	132.00
Claremont	36.52	30.00
Conover		60.00
Corinth	78.71	132.00
Hickory, Calvary.....	3.00	120.00
Community	32.76	60.00
East Hickory	160.24	168.00
First	1,058.85	1,140.00
Highland	412.40	540.00
Longview	94.28	90.00
Oakland Hgts.	49.36	90.00
Penelope	370.48	576.00
Springs Road		24.00
Temple	50.96	168.00
Viewmont	525.00	540.00
W. Hickory	520.00	600.00
Hildebran	240.00	300.00
Icard	120.60	144.00
Mountain Grove	124.57	120.00
Newton First	416.54	540.00
North Newton	154.91	180.00
Oxford Community	21.58	30.00
Oyama	32.47	24.00
Providence	84.10	90.00
Sandy Ridge	145.50	132.00
Startown	28.50	24.00
Sweetwater	42.50	60.00
Warlick's	121.87	120.00
Wayside	55.00	48.00
Total	\$5,183.51	\$6,372.00
Misc. Receipts	514.41	
Bal. in Bank 10/11/56	802.09	
Total		\$6,500.01

DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET

	Disbursements	Budget 1957-58
Sunday School	86.24	100.00
Training Union	121.45	125.00

Woman's Missionary Union	150.00	150.00	
Brotherhood			
Printing and Postage	75.67	200.00	
The Baptist Hour	936.00	936.00	
Churches Entertaining Assn.	250.00	250.00	
B.S.U. Lenoir Rhyne	50.00	100.00	
Direct Missions		2,661.00	
Scholarship	175.00	350.00	
Minutes	470.77	500.00	
Clerk	200.00	200.00	
Treasurer	50.00	50.00	
Miscellaneous	565.60	250.00	
Central Training School		500.00	
Totals	\$3,130.73	\$6,372.00	
Total Expenses 10/11/56-10/11/57			\$3,130.73
Balance in Bank 10/11/57			\$3,369.28

REPORT OF TRAINING UNION

JAMES HELVEY

The Theron Rankin Association began its second year with 27 churches reporting Training Unions. At the end of this second year only 26 churches reported Training Unions. But though one Training Union was lost, enrolment and average attendance increased in the others: 3,007 enrolled last year, 3,210 enrolled this year; 1,672 average attendance last year 1,809 average attendance this year. Sandy Ridge reports the best average attendance for the second straight year: 121 out of an enrolment of 137, about 88%.

First Church, Hickory again leads in the number of study course awards earned with 173, but Viewmont has moved into a strong second from last year's ninth place. The top ten in order of awards earned this year are First, Hickory, Viewmont, First, Newton, North Newton, East Hickory, Highland, Hildebran, First, West Hickory, Penelope and Mountain Grove. With a total of 1,180 Training Union awards for the year the Theron Rankin Association will again be listed among the "notable one thousand" associations earning over 1,000 Training Union awards as recognized by the Training Union department in Nashville, Tennessee.

"M" Night was observed by our association for the first time as the Theron Rankin Association in December of 1956 with approximately 600 persons in attendance at the First Church, Hickory. Dr. Eric C. Rust of the Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky was the featured speaker.

Though no associational tournaments were held this past year, representatives were sent to the Regional tournaments in Junior, Intermediate and Young People's events. Jeanette Teague, Peggy Perkins, Janice Martin of Sandy Ridge Church participated in the state Junior Memory Work Drill and Miss Anne Campbell of Hickory, First Church reached the state Intermediate Sword Drill. But Miss Sybil Sharpe of the First Church, Hickory won regional, state and southwide honors being declared a winner in the Young People's Better Speaker's Tournament at Ridgecrest.

In addition to a number of local Training Union Study Courses and 12 local Youth Weeks, some of our churches sent a total of 66 registrants to our three Training Union assemblies: Ridgecrest, Fruitland and Caswell, this summer.

Training Unions this past year in many local churches have gone remarkably ahead. As a whole the associational Training Union has hardly held its own. The year ahead offers an opportunity for our best record yet but it will require more work, adequate leadership and thorough cooperation.

REPORT OF THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

MRS. WAYNE ELDER

The Bible speaks today is not just a slogan. It really does speak to the heart of each of us who read it. Through the work of the American Bible Society, millions of people throughout the world are able to read the Bible. In order for the Bible to speak to the heart of each of us, it must be translated into many languages.

The missionary uses his Bible as his chief source of information and inspiration. The Bible itself is a missionary. It can go where the human missionary cannot go, and it can stay long after the human missionary must leave. The Bible can be read by people of all nations and it is our one hope of bringing the people of the world closer and closer to each other.

Here are some statistics on the work of the American Bible Society. During the year 1956, the American Bible Society distributed more than fifteen million volumes of scripture throughout the world. It contributed thirteen hundred Bibles and other volumes of scripture to be used by the Hungarian refugees who came into the United States. It donated one million volumes of scripture to be used by the chaplains in their work with the armed forces. The American Bible Society rejoiced in the translation and publishing of the Bible into one thousand one hundred and ten languages. The complete Bible was translated and published in two hundred and ten languages; a complete testament into two hundred and seventy languages; and a complete gospel or other book into six hundred and twenty-nine additional languages. The American Bible Society also published in Braille and on talking book records, the Bible and other scriptures to be used by the blind. These books are also sent overseas.

Southern Baptists support the American Bible Society because it helps our missionaries. It gives to them scriptures and other literature to be used in their work.

Here are more statistics. During 1956, Southern Baptist churches, with a membership of eight and one-half million people, gave to the American Bible Society, \$120,732. On the other hand the Methodist churches with a membership of nine and one quarter million people, gave \$177,447. Not only did they give more than Southern Baptists, but they gave more per person. Southern Baptists can lead in this work if every church will give. Here are some suggestions for our churches. Country and village churches should give from \$10.00 to \$25.00 per year; small city churches from \$5.00 to \$100.00; larger churches from \$100.00 to \$200.00; and great churches from \$200.00 to \$500.00 per year.

Hebrews 10:14 says, "Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works." Let us consider these facts prayerfully and give our support to the American Bible Society.

REPORT ON BAPTIST LITERATURE

LARRY PENLEY

Good reading brings knowledge and knowledge brings understanding. And out of understanding comes the power to live wisely. Baptists work together in a great spiritual democracy. But no democracy can live unless its people keep informed and inspired by the right kind of reading. "Give attention to reading," urged Paul to the early Christians. "Blessed is he that readeth," declared the Apostle John in his last message.

The printed page is more powerful than bombs and bullets to conquer the minds and hearts of men. Never before has so much reading matter been before the eyes of the people, as today. Baptists, like others, are often tempted to stop, look, buy and read—from the stream of poison that flows from the many publishers bent on selling more and more of their unclean books, magazines etc., to enrich themselves as they care little for the evil effects of their wares.

An immense volume of excellent Christian literature comes from Baptist presses. It is said that no denomination in America has so fine a selection of Christian literature as Southern Baptists have today for every age, spiritual interest and need. The aim of it all is to inform, enlist, unify, teach and inspire the people for greater service in the work of the Lord.

It is a well known fact that good readers of Baptist literature are the most successful Baptists. People always do more when they know more. And as they read, they lead. As they are informed, they are inspired. People usually are not interested in and will not support that which they do not know about.

REPORT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

MRS. ROBERT BOATWRIGHT

Our North Carolina Baptist Hospital is dedicated to the service of those in need of medical care, the education of young people in various branches of medical service, and the bearing of a Christian witness throughout North Carolina and the world.

Once more it has set a new record in its ministry to sick people. Last year it provided 123,000 days of bed care for 15,784 patients. There were 61,000 visits to the out-patient clinics and 60,000 visits to the private clinics. Service patients came from 92 of the 100 counties of our State. This represents specialized medical care in twenty-five different fields of medicine and surgery. It represents the services of skilled medical specialists and special equipment in each of these fields. It represents a medical staff and equipment which, because of the many skills and the large investment involved, cannot be provided except in such a medical center. It provides medical service of the highest order for our people in North Carolina, whatever their financial circumstances may be.

The new Cobalt machine is in full operation, providing treatment for about 35 cancer patients each day. Our very fine plastic surgeon is doing highly skilled work, and our heart surgeon has performed successfully some of the newest and most difficult heart operations known. These services are typical of those offered by our Baptist Hospital.

If a person wishes to go to the Baptist Hospital for treatment, it is necessary that an appointment be made in advance. When an appointment is requested, accurate information must be given as to the general nature of the patient's problem and whether he needs to go through the out-patient clinic, rather than as a private or full-pay patient. The out-patient department is open to persons who are not able to pay the full cost of their medical care. In cases of emergency, or the need for immediate hospitalization, a local physician should always call or write the hospital in order that he may give the medical information required before the proper arrangements can be made. If a person will not be able to pay his full hospital bill when he leaves the hospital, definite financial arrangements should be made when he is admitted to the hospital and not left until later. This can prevent misunderstanding and unnecessary hardship.

It appears now that our churches of the State have made their largest Mother's Day offering this year. We are grateful for this because the needs for help have been greater than they have ever been before. Let us share in the ministry of our Baptist Hospital by giving generously of our prayers, our love and our money.

REPORT OF BROTHERHOOD

ROBERT E. RHONEY

The men of the Theron Rankin Association have been active in the Brotherhood organization of the churches during the past year. There have been at least two new Brotherhoods organized during the past year. This brings the total to about twenty-two churches in the Association that now have Brotherhoods.

The men of the Brotherhoods have assumed the full responsibility of sponsoring the Royal Ambassador chapters in the churches and are doing a good job. Many of the Brotherhoods have had a Father-Son banquet. These have proved profitable both to the men and boys.

In many instances the Brotherhoods have conducted Laymen's Revivals, cottage and all night prayer meetings in preparation for revivals.

We have had a total of four Associational Brotherhood meetings during the past year with an average attendance of fifty-three. The laymen have had active parts on the programs.

It is encouraging to see the men of the Theron Rankin Association taking a part in the Lord's work through the Brotherhoods.

REPORT ON THE MINISTER'S RETIREMENT PLAN

E. F. SULLIVAN

After thirty-nine years the work of the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention continues to grow. More than 16,000 pastors and denominational workers are actually enrolled in one of the Retirement Plans—an increase in 1956, alone, of 1,885.

A total of nearly \$2,000,000 was paid in benefits last year. There were 3,174 retired ministers who received \$1,626,211.59. The remaining \$320,443.24 went to 1,474 aged preachers and widows as grants in direct relief.

As of July 1, North Carolina has 911 enrolled in one of the Retirement Plans. Of these 311 are active participants in the Southern Baptist Protection Plan. The other 600 are active members of the old North Carolina Retirement Plan, which was closed to new members on January 1, 1956. We had about 25 members to reach retirement age last year, and annuities have been set up for these. About 10 have died during the year and their widows are now drawing benefits.

The dues are paid cooperatively. The church pays at the rate of 5% of the pastor's salary up to \$4,000. The pastor pays 5%, increasing $\frac{1}{2}\%$ when over 60, and another $\frac{1}{2}\%$ after 70. The State Convention matches the pastor's dues. It is difficult to understand a pastor or a church not availing themselves of the security provided.

For further information write Rev. Ottis Hagler at 301 Hillsboro Street, Raleigh, N. C.

REPORT OF N. C. BAPTIST HOMES FOR AGING

MRS. W. B. DUNCAN

This, the seventh year of operation of the Baptist Homes for the Aging, has been the greatest year of expansion, thanks to North Carolina Baptists for their increased support.

The new Administration and Residential Building was opened June 13. All rooms are now occupied, except four in the infirmary, which are reserved for residents who will need them.

The new building increased facilities to 112 residents, counting residents at Resthaven and the Albemarle Home. It also added half a million dollars to the value of the assets of the Homes for the Aging.

Another forward step was taken in July when the General Board voted unanimously to accept the offer of Don G. Matthews, Sr., Hamilton, N. C. to give \$50,000 and land on which to build a Home for the Aging in Eastern Carolina. This fourth Home will probably add space for approximately forty additional residents, thus bringing the total capacity of all Homes to 150 residents.

Two Wills have been probated in Forsyth County in which the Homes were remembered with sizable gifts when received. Word has come of other Wills in which the Homes will share.

A total of about eighty-five thousand (\$85,000) dollars has been received from the February Special Day Offering. This represents an average of ten (10c) cents per Baptist—850,000 in number. Theron Rankin Association \$1,084.-36—May 31.

The challenge facing the Homes for the Aging at present is to finish paying for the new building. Although the Baptist State Convention authorized that the Homes might borrow up to \$175,000 to finish paying for the construction and equipping the new building on Reynolds Park Road, Winston-Salem, actually, it was only necessary to borrow \$100,000. Surely, with all North Carolina Baptists responding with a generous Special Day Offering on the third Sunday of February, 1958, and with continued gifts coming in from other sources as they have in the past, this balance should be paid within the year. Accordingly,

if every pastor and superintendent of the Sunday School will urge the members of each church to give to this worthy cause, the Baptist Homes for the Aging should be free of debt by the end of 1958.

The residents, and all connected with the Homes, are deeply grateful for the support received in the past and thankful to God for His favor and blessings year by year. The ages of the residents range from 65 to 97 years.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

FRITZ D. HEMPHILL

The Executive Committee held three meetings during the year and attended to the various items of business that ordinarily comes before such a body. The following is worthy of note:

1. Endorsed the application of Startown and Oyama churches for financial aid from our state mission board.

2. Set Tuesday night after the third Sunday in each month as "Associational Night" and urged all churches to clear their calendar and reserve this night for the work of the association. At the same time we urge all our associational organizations to hold their meetings on this night.

3. Endorsed the suggestion that each church in our association set aside Friday night of each week as "Family Night" with the hope that more attention will be given to the home and the family and that our families will plan to spend this evening together.

4. Accepted the date for simultaneous revival as March 23-April 6, 1958 and we urgently urge all churches to participate in it.

5. Put the Feb. 24-28, 1958 Central Training School in the budget with the hope that this will be continued each year.

6. Received and endorsed the report of the Nominating Committee for the officers and committees for next year.

7. Mission project.

Probably the one single item that claimed our attention the most and about which the least was done, though we did try, was the projected mission on highway 127 beyond Viewmont. The Extension Committee agreed on a proposed lot, and price of lot, but all those who owned a share in it would not agree to sell and this project failed. To date no other suitable lot has been found.

It was proposed and voted that the moderator appoint a committee to supervise the taking of a census in the area, but with an association wide census in view for next February no definite action was taken. If the association so directs, we will move forward on that project now.

The proposed area has been toured and inspected by our Secretary of State Missions, Dr. E. L. Spivey, and by our State Missions Committee Chairman, C. O. Greene of Lawndale, and both were enthusiastic about the possibility of a Baptist Church in the community. There are good indications that we can get some \$2,000 from a special mission fund for this work provided we can get something under way during this calendar year.

Any further delay will mean that desirable sites will be harder to find and the prices will go up. We have been hampered by lack of funds with which to acquire property. If all our churches will join in supporting the work with

something more than just token gifts we can, and will, establish Baptist churches from time to time in all areas where they are needed when they are needed.

NORTH CAROLINA CHILDREN'S HOMES

JAMES M. WILDER

James tells us that one of the marks of "pure and undefiled religion" is to care for the orphan. For many years the North Carolina Baptist Children's Homes have rendered valuable service in this capacity. At present, four major types of service are offered: (1) Institutional Care in Mills Home and Kennedy Home, (2) Mothers' Aid to children who remain with their own mothers, (3) Foster Family Care to children who are kept in good Christian families, and (4) Family Counseling to families whose children are in the care of the Children's Homes.

Since a constantly increasing number of children are coming from broken homes, the complexity of ministering to these children has reached new proportions. The present facilities and fields of service of our Children's Homes are being expanded as rapidly as possible in an effort to meet the multiplied demands placed upon them.

Since the income for the Children's Homes from Church budgets, Once-a-Month Offerings, and the Cooperative Program is a fixed amount, the only way to meet the ever increasing need for child care is through a more liberal Thanksgiving Offering. With more North Carolina Baptists earning more money than ever before and giving more generously than ever to our total program, every church is urged to encourage a larger over-and-above offering for the Children's Homes at Thanksgiving.

Charity and Children, the publication of The Children's Homes, is to be commended for the wonderful contribution that it is making, not only to The Children's Homes, but to our Baptist program.

Our enlarged support of the Children's Homes today will do much to help develop more Christian men and women for the world of tomorrow.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

J. HOWARD CATES

During 1956-57 we have seen the launching of World Missions Year in the Southern Baptist Convention. There has been an advance in all areas of world missions. During 1956 one hundred twenty-one missionaries were appointed for service overseas—the largest number of appointments ever made in one year. From January to May, 1957, forty-nine appointments were made, bringing the number of foreign missionaries in active service to 1,154. The appointment goal for 1957 is 130. The board expects to reach its Advance goal of 1,750 missionaries by 1964.

Southern Baptist missionaries entered three additional countries in 1956—Tanganyika and Kenya in East Africa and East Pakistan in the Indian continent. Missionaries now live in 211 centers in 38 geographical areas of the world. The work in these areas is carried on through various institutions on each mission field—churches, schools, hospitals, publication plants, good will centers. However, the goal of each activity is evangelization.

Pastors on the mission fields include 119 missionaries and 1,480 nationals. Nearly all the churches have Sunday Schools and many have other church-affiliated organizations. The 2,730 churches and 5,099 out-stations report 3,864 Sunday Schools with 292,929 pupils enrolled. The churches report 361,859 members with 24,423 baptisms during the year. Evangelism has gone forward in a fine way. During a city-wide crusade in Hong Kong, 75,000 people heard the gospel with over 2,500 making decisions for Christ. Plans are under way for large-scale evangelistic efforts in 1957 in Japan, Potosi and other lands.

A new high has been reached in the number of volunteers for mission service. Hundreds of young people have dedicated themselves to go wherever God may lead and are keeping in touch with the Foreign Mission Board. However, there is a desperate need for additional nurses. Elmer S. West, Jr., the Board's secretary for missionary personnel, says "There are compelling needs for five times as many (nurses) as we have prospects for appointing."

The accelerated advance in world missions may be seen also in the mission giving of Southern Baptists. The total income of the Foreign Mission Board for 1956 was \$12,733,681. The significance of this figure is indicated by the fact that in 1952 the total income of the board was barely eight million dollars. Funds from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (May 1, 1956 to May 1, 1957) amounted to \$5,240,745.

In order to undergird our Advance in Missions the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting at Chicago in May 1957 adopted the following recommendations:

1. That every church contribute to world missions through the Cooperative Program on the basis of a percentage of the total budget and that this percentage be increased regularly.
2. That a goal for 2 per cent increase in the total budget for world missions through the Cooperative Program be set for each year beginning in 1957 and climaxing in the Jubilee Year, 1964.

Your church may have a vital part in our World Mission Advance by following these recommendations. Let us support our mission program by our gifts and our prayers.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

CLARENCE L. PICKLER

State Missions is the missionary effort on the part of North Carolina Baptists to reach the unsaved for Christ, to enlist the saved through teaching and training in our churches for Kingdom service in our State and through the world.

Only about 2,000,000 of the 4,300,000 people of our State above the age of eight years are affiliated with some church. Of these 1,900,000 above the age of eight are unchurched. If 25 per cent of the affiliated church members are unsaved, then over 62 per cent of the people in our State over eight years are lost. Therefore, our task has just begun.

We have over 830,000 Baptist church members in North Carolina. Perhaps 40 per cent of these are enlisted and are being trained in Christian living and giving. This means 60 per cent of our church members are not dedicated to the Christian profession. This should be a challenge to each church in our State Baptist Convention.

Our people need to be taught and trained. Therefore, many of the significant phases of State Missions work are promoted through the Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood, Royal Ambassadors, Church development and Music Department.

Another phase of State Missions is the Department of evangelism that seeks to inspire Pastors and churches to evangelize their own communities. Last year North Carolina Baptist churches baptized more people than any other State except Texas. Through State Missions last year about 180 pastors received better training at Fruitland. Also refresher courses were offered this summer at Mars Hill and Wingate Colleges during the weeks of Christian Study and fellowship with approximately 500 attending.

Other areas of need for State Missions: The Allied Church League, The Silent People, The camp and assembly at Fruitland and Caswell, Church Planning and Baptist Student Centers. These are only a part of the 22 ministries of State Missions.

May God help us to lead North Carolina to become a Christian State.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

J. LOUIS PRICE

Christian Education stands for Christian environment, Christian teachers, Christian character, Christian truth and makes Christ the center of the school, college or university.

Southern Baptists recognize the importance of a trained leadership and support our schools, whether college, university or seminary, in order that we may have a trained Christian leadership.

Southern Baptists have more than sixty-six institutions of learning with an enrolment of more than fifty-five thousand students. Of this number more than twelve thousand are ministerial students or volunteers for religious work.

North Carolina Baptists own and control seven colleges. They are Wake Forest, Chowan, Meredith, Mars Hill, Campbell, Wingate and Gardner-Webb. In these colleges there are over five thousand students. These institutions help provide a trained leadership for North Carolina Baptists who now number over 829,000.

Our churches need to give more adequate support to these colleges. With the increasing cost of education, with increasing student bodies and with competition from state supported institutions, more generous support is greatly needed. We urge, therefore, our churches to support the Cooperative Program and also we would urge Baptists of means to make special donations to our colleges. With nearly half the church members of the State Baptists, we are educating in Baptist institutions only about one third of our Baptists students.

Let us support our institutions and pray for them, for out of them will come most of our preachers, missionaries and educated church and denominational leaders of tomorrow.

RESOLUTIONS

JAMES M. WILDER

I

In as much as the Theron Rankin Baptist Association in its second session has been entertained by West Hickory Baptist Church and Mountain Grove Baptist Church we wish to express appreciation to these churches and their pastors for their hospitality and gracious entertainment.

Furthermore, we express gratitude to our moderator, song leader, clerk and all who labored for and participated in this second associational meeting.

II

Whereas, we are opposed to the sale and use of alcoholic beverages in every form, be it resolved that we renew our efforts to rid the county and country of this curse that is responsible for inestimable heartaches, sorrow, destruction and death.

III

Whereas, the sale of degenerating and suggestive magazines is causing an increase in immorality and a deterioration of common decency, be it resolved that we seek in every possible way to remove such mental poison from the news stands of our various communities.

IV

Whereas, the practice of working on the Lord's Day is a desecration of the day and contrary to principles held by the Christian community, be it resolved that we go on record as re-affirming our belief in the sanctity of the Lord's Day.

V

Whereas, both the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention are promoting the Forward Program of Church Finance, be it resolved that the Association request the State Convention to conduct a clinic in this area at the earliest time possible regarding this Program, so that the Pastors and any interested laymen may have the opportunity of any training necessary for the launching of this program in the local church and that the churches be encouraged to give this matter prayerful study.

VI

Whereas, the action of the trustees of our two Senior Colleges regarding dancing has produced discord and confusion in our North Carolina Baptist State Convention, which has resulted, among other things, in a noticable decrease in gifts to the Cooperative Program, be it resolved that this association deplore this action of the trustees.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

B. A. COOPER

The 1957 report of Home Missions must of necessity deal with the 1956 figures. At the beginning of 1957 the Home Missions Board reported 1,180 missionaries, and increase of 81 over the previous year. Professions of faith

reported by the missionaries numbered 39,458, and increase of 1,983 over the previous year.

The Home Missions Board's income for 1956 was: from the Cooperative Program, \$2,027,370; Annie Armstrong Offering, \$1,574,891; and from designated gifts: \$127,761; Total \$3,730,027.

Among new personnel additions at the headquarters office are Clovis A. Brantley as assistant secretary in the Department of Direct Missions, William B. Mitchell, Superintendent of Jewish Work, and Wendell Belew, director of church-sponsored mission work.

Among the major emphases during 1957 the Board will continue its effort to enlist every church in an evangelistic ministry and every member to participate in soul-winning. Conservation of results will be pursued. All work of the Board is in full co-operation with all other agencies of the denomination. The "30,000 Program," with its challenge to constitute 10,000 new churches and establish 20,000 additional mission stations in seven years, will receive major emphasis not only throughout the year but for the duration of the Third Jubilee of Baptists.

Increased loan funds are greatly needed. Minority groups: Indians, Negroes and language groups will receive major attention. The Board has set a goal of 1,050 missionaries serving minority groups by 1964.

The City Missions Program is to be enlarged with the entry by the Board into a new major city every year if possible; the rural church program had major emphasis in 1956 and efforts will be intensified constantly; pioneer areas call for extensive interest and work; special groups and needs, such as the deaf, the Jews, migrants, broken homes, juvenile delinquents and a ministry to military personnel, challenge the best leadership of the Board's missionaries.

Promotion and education made great demands on the Home Mission Board's staff because of increased interest, filmstrips, motion pictures, maps, mission study books, tracts, picture packets, publicity, the magazine and all other projected and published materials have been improved and the demands have been tremendous. Schools of Missions and assignment of home missionaries to fulfill increasing demands have afforded missionary information and inspiration.

The Chaplains Commission reported 421 chaplains on active duty and 11,074 professions of faith recorded in their ministry.

Home missionaries were instrumental in starting 729 new missions and constituting 296 new churches.

The greatest need of the Board is expressed in the single statement: We need your prayers and personal interest, a larger proportion of the church budget dollar, a wider interest in tithing, missionary volunteers committed to Home Missions and a share in every Southern Baptist's consecration.

REPORT OF HISTORIAN

ALBERT A. YOUNG

This report does not carry a great deal of history, but simply some of the highlights in some of our churches the past year. It is also an attempt to keep up to date the history of the association from year to year. Many

of the facts mentioned in this report do not carry specific dates, but did occur during the past church year.

At this point we note that Catawba church called Reverend B. A. Cooper as pastor, Reverend R. K. Benfield resigned at Hickory First Church after a pastorate of 14 years to go to Morganton First Church. Highland organized the Highland Mission into Springs Road Church March 3, 1957 and granted 69 letters to this new church. Longview became debt free during the year. Temple Church, relatively new in our association, purchased property adjacent to the church consisting of a lot, six-room house, garage and workshop. This church also recently called Reverend William S. Elliott as pastor. Viewmont Church purchased a house and lot adjacent to their present church property and called Miss Ruth Durham as Minister of Music and Education. West Hickory completed a new pastorium valued at \$30,000. Icard Church called Reverend Olin D. Hefner as pastor and Oyama called Reverend Harold D. Whitener as pastor. Providence completed a pastorium, called Reverend M. L. Ross as pastor and went to full time in June of 1957. Highland Church completed a pastorium during the year and called J. Howard Cates as pastor. Catawba rebuilt two assembly rooms, installed two electric water coolers and remodeled old part of church building. Hickory First Church purchased the Wooten property across Fourth Street, N.W. from their present property.

EVANGELISM

O. JACK MURPHY

There was never a time in the history of the world when the need of evangelism was greater than it is now. In a world of fear, distrust, racial animosities, materialism and uncertainty, the Saviour who commissioned the church to make disciples, is the Saviour who also said, "I came that you might have life and that you might have it more abundantly." He has the answer to difficulties of a disillusioned and disturbed world, and that answer is found in His saving and cleansing power—a new relationship with Him.

It is evident today that our churches need to be stirred to a new zeal in personal witnessing. The joy of witnessing belongs to every Christian. Salvation is ours to share. Every church should set up a plan and a program of evangelism, find the lost in the community, make specific plans for personal witnessing, give frequent opportunities in the Sunday School for pupils to make decisions for Christ, and plan at least one revival meeting a year. When we "attempt great things for God we can expect great things from God."

God has blessed the work in our association this year. We have 10,666 members of our churches and we have had 468 baptisms reported, a ratio of 1 soul won for every 22.8 members of our churches.

The chief task of the church is to make disciples—to teach and train and make more disciples. It is a never-ending task. We must win people to Christ at a more rapid rate than we are now doing, or America will be a pagan country in the course of years.

How shall we accomplish this task? We must take the Great Commission seriously, we must have a plan and a program, and we must join our hearts in cooperative efforts to fulfill that plan. Southern Baptists have such a plan and wherever the program has been projected, God has blessed it.

Such a plan we are following in the Spring of 1958, March 23-April 6, when every church in this association will be enlisted, we trust, to have a revival beginning at the same time. The Steering Committee is already at work and in the fulness of time every church will be consulted with reference to this great crusade for Christ. When every church in this association is engaged in a revival simultaneously and when a solid front in soul winning efforts is projected by the thousands of Baptists among us, that ratio for soul winning will change and the name of Christ will be exalted.

THE CHRISTIAN CITIZEN

V. C. MARTIN

The people of Catawba County are very anxious to express their views on the question of the legal sale of beer and wine, by a vote of the people. In cooperation with the Citizens Committee For Good Government the churches of the Theron Rankin Association have been working to make such a vote possible. At the present we are circulating our third petition, our first petition was rejected because of an insufficient amount of signatures, according to the election board of Catawba County. The second petition was accepted, after several attempts were made to prove it invalid. However, due to some state laws which were made in favor of the beer and wine people, they have been able to keep us from voting on this all important issue. We have not given up and we will not give up until this issue is decided by a vote of the people. In the weeks and months to follow, let us join together, and march forward as good soldiers of the Cross of Christ until we have won the victory over this enemy of Christ that has been placed in our midst without our consent.

1957 ANNUAL MEETING W.M.U.

Newton First, April 26, 1957

The Annual Woman's Missionary Union Meeting was held April 26, 1957 at Newton First Church using as the theme for the program: "The Field Is the World."

Mrs. L. P. Frans of Hickory, Associational W.M.U. Superintendent, presided.

Mrs. R. K. Benfield presented piano music at the opening session at 9:50 a.m. Mrs. Howard Cates led the opening devotions using verses of scripture taken from Acts and Romans.

Words of welcome were spoken by Rev. James Wilder, pastor of the host church followed by a cordial welcome from the President of the W.M.U. of the church, Mrs. W. R. Stevenson.

The following committees were appointed: Courtesy, Mrs. E. C. Link, Mrs. Gladys Berry, Mrs. Larry Penley. Time and Place, Mrs. I. W. Phillips, Mrs. Van Foster, Mrs. H. J. Whitener.

In reviewing the year's work Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, associate supt., reported three new societies organized, these being Community, Oxford and Longview.

After a brief report from the different Chairman and Counselors, Mrs. W. K. McGee, State President of the W.M.U. gave a challenging message on

"Ways to Witness," followed by an inspiring message from Mrs. Noble Y. Beall, Home Mission Board on "Good Tidings—To All People."

The benediction was given by Rev. Fritz Hemphill. A bountiful picnic lunch was served by the host church.

Mrs. Fritz Hemphill led the meditation period for the afternoon session.

During the business period the association was invited to meet with Penelope in 1958.

Mrs. E. C. Link expressed appreciation of the privilege of meeting with Newton Church.

Mrs. Perry Starnes presented the list of officers for the year. These were elected. Rev. Latt Beshears led a dedicatory prayer.

Mrs. Jeff Burns, Catawba River Association gave the afternoon message.

In Memoriam

CATAWBA—Mr. D. H. Webber,
Mr. J. A. Pope

CORINTH—Mrs. Worth Whitener

HICKORY, CALVARY—Mrs.
Claude Hollar, Mr. J. L. Seitz

HICKORY, FIRST—Mr. W. L.
Goodson, Mrs. W. B. Walker, Mr.
R. G. Campbell, Mr. T. P. Lewis,
Mrs. J. H. Patrick, Mrs. R. L.
White, Mrs. J. J. Jarrett, Mrs.
W. L. Crouch, Mrs. W. A. Hovis,
Mrs. Tom Sides, Mr. C. O. Beach
(Deacon), Mrs. E. H. Umstead,
Mrs. H. L. Morrison, Mrs. A.
C. Pritchard

HICKORY, HIGHLAND—Mr. L.
A. Campbell, Mr. Ira Lee Chas-
tain

HICKORY, LONGVIEW—Mr. L.
S. Hasque, Mrs. Gerald Clark

HICKORY, PENELOPE—Mr.
Donald Ray Jones, Mrs. Luther
R. Frye, Mr. Jesse Turner
Queen, Mrs. Gertrude Robinson,
Mr. Raymond Brittian, Mrs. T.

B. Hull, Mrs. Laura Starnes,
Mrs. Artie Huffman, Miss Cha-
ney Mays

HICKORY, TEMPLE—Mr. James
Rinck

HICKORY, VIEWMONT—Mr.
Arliss James Horton, Jr.

HICKORY, WEST HICKORY—
Mrs. John Gross, Mr. Billy Hol-
lar, Mr. Jack Setzer

HILDEBRAN, FIRST—Mrs. L. A.
Burns, Mrs. E. E. Bridges

ICARD—Mrs. Herman Franklin,
Mr. Rex Bollinger

NEWTON, FIRST—Mrs. E. B.
Howell, Mr. Ernest Wilson

NEWTON, NORTH—Mr. C. T.
Bumgarner

OXFORD COMMUNITY—Mrs.
Anna Reid

PROVIDENCE—Mrs. Jane White-
ner

Church Directories

PASTORS

The names and addresses of the pastors of this association are contained in statistical table A.

ORDAINED MINISTERS, NOT PASTORS, HOLDING MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCHES OF THERON RANKIN ASSOCIATION

NAME	ADDRESS	CHURCH
Andrews, Victor L. (R).....	438 E. 20th Street, Newton.....	North Newton
Bragg, J. L. (O.M.).....	Hildebran.....	Hildebran, First
Bryant, Wade (I).....	918 Lenior Road, N W, Hickory....	Penelope
Chester, O. S. (O.M.).....	169 29th St. S W, Hickory.....	Longview
Connor, D. H. (I).....	765 21st St. S W, Hickory.....	Penelope
Crapps, Dr. Robert W.....	4 Furman Faculty Apts. Greenville, S. C.....	Temple
Crump, Zeno (I).....	Route 2, Connelly Springs.....	Warlick's
Downs, T. G. (S).....	Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest	First, Hickory
Gilbert, Frank (I).....	Route 2, Connelly Springs.....	Warlick's
Huffman, M. A. (O.M.).....	Icard.....	Icard
Price, J. Louis (R).....	2820 1st Avenue, N W, Hickory....	West Hickory
Reep, Jay (O.M.).....	Route 1, Hickory.....	Mountain Grove
Sullivan, E. F. (R).....	1920 North Center St., Hickory.....	Temple

ASSISTANT PASTORS OR EDUCATIONAL DIRECTORS

NAME	ADDRESS	CHURCH
Covington, Miss Irene.....	c/o First Baptist Church, Hickory...	Hickory, First
Durham, Miss Ruth.....	47 14th Street, S E, Hickory.....	Viewmont

MINISTERS ORDAINED DURING THE YEAR

NAME	ADDRESS	CHURCH
McCurry, Grady.....	Wayside

MINISTERS LICENSED DURING THE YEAR

NAME	ADDRESS	CHURCH
Bolick, Hugh.....	Route 1, Hickory.....	Wayside
Craig, Roy A.....	310 12th Street, N W, Hickory.....	Wayside
Edmondson, Wilbur.....	Box 372, Conover.....	Conover
Kirby, Larry.....	Route 1, Hickory.....	Wayside
Pitman, W. R., Jr.....	67 27th Street, N W, Hickory.....	Longview
Powell, James M., Jr.....	Valdese.....	Wayside
Sigmon, John F.....	Gardner-Webb Col., Boiling Springs.	West Hickory
Suggs, Julian, III.....	147 13th Avenue, N W, Hickory....	Hickory, First

DIRECTOR OF AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS

CHURCH	NAME	ADDRESS
Hickory, First.....	A. Leroy Newton.....	348 2nd Street, N E, Hickory
Viewmont.....	Frank Poovey.....	Route 2, Box 507, Hickory
West Hickory.....	J. Herman Cater.....	P. O. Box 552, Hickory
North Newton.....	Bobby Parkhurst.....	Box 98, Conover
Sandy Ridge.....	E. C. Robinson.....	Route 3, Hickory

LIBRARIANS

CHURCH	NAME	ADDRESS
Catawba.....	Mrs. Locke Rink.....	Catawba
Corinth.....	Mrs. Ralph Young.....	Route 3, Vale
Hickory, Calvary.....	Mrs. Guy Huffman.....	719 19th Street, S W, Hickory
" East Hickory.....	Miss Geraldine Fisher.....	134 15th Street, S E, Hickory
" First.....	Mrs. Spurgeon Young.....	196 23rd Street, N W, Hickory
" Highland.....	Mrs. A. C. Ogren.....	829 Main Avenue, N E, Hickory
" Oakland Heights.....	Mrs. A. A. Cole.....	219 12th Avenue, N E, Hickory
" Penelope.....	Mrs. Clarence Rhoney.....	3633 1st Avenue, S W, Hickory
" Viewmont.....	Mrs. Roy Hoffman.....	Route 3, Hickory
" West Hickory.....	Jimmy Wilson.....	1143 Main Ave. Dr., N W, Hickory
Hildebran, First.....	Martha Eggers.....	Hildebran
Mountain Grove.....	Mrs. H. J. Whitener.....	Route 1, Hickory
North Newton.....	Mrs. Fred Tate.....	2030 N. Shipp Avenue, Newton

PIANIST OR ORGANIST

CHURCH	NAME	ADDRESS
Brookford.....	Mrs. W. C. Laney.....	161 20th Avenue, S W, Hickory
Catawba.....	Mrs. Jack Wilson.....	Catawba
Claremont.....	Charlot Fox.....	Statesville
Conover.....	Mrs. Junie Tuggle.....	Route 1, Newton
Corinth.....	Mrs. Roy Stallings.....	Route 1, Hickory
Hickory, Calvary.....	Mrs. Larry Overcash.....	19th Street, S W, Hickory
" Community.....		
" East Hickory.....	Mrs. T. W. Nelson.....	122 16th Street, S E, Hickory
" First.....	Mrs. Kenneth Little.....	407 4th Avenue, N W, Hickory
" Highland.....	Mrs. E. L. Guthrie.....	1118 8th Street, N E, Hickory
" Longview.....	Mrs. Lloyd Pitman.....	Route 2, Conover
" Oakland Heights.....	Barbara Brooks.....	1673 C Avenue, S E, Hickory
" Penelope.....	Mrs. Mayo Weaver.....	P. O. Box 72, Hildebran
" Temple.....	Miss Judy Barbour.....	770 3rd Ave. Pl., S E, Hickory
" Viewmont.....	Miss Shirley Branch.....	423 23rd Avenue, N E, Hickory
" West Hickory.....	Mrs. Enloe Young.....	2324 2nd Avenue, N W, Hickory
Hildebran, First.....	Irene Sain.....	Hildebran
Icard.....	Mrs. Amos Lingerfelt.....	Icard
Mountain Grove.....	Mrs. Charles Lee Huffman.....	Route 4, Hickory
Newton, First.....	Mrs. M. E. Winecorf.....	113 W. 7th Street, Newton
" North.....	Mrs. Peggy Cunningham.....	Route 2, Conover
Oxford Community.....	Mazel Pope.....	Route 1, Conover
Oyama.....	Mrs. Garland Caldwell.....	Route 2, Conover
Providence.....	Mrs. M. S. Brittan.....	Route 4, Hickory
Sandy Ridge.....	Mrs. Emmett Huffman.....	305 20th Avenue, N E, Hickory
Springs Road.....	Miss Gail Stafford.....	Route 2, Hickory
Startown.....	Christine Bumgardner.....	Route 1, Newton
Sweetwater.....	Patsy Houston.....	10th Ave. Dr., N E, Hickory
Warlick's.....	Elizabeth Marlow.....	Route 1, Hickory
Wayside.....	Nancy Kirby.....	Route 1, Hickory

HISTORICAL TABLE

Year	Place of Meeting	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher of Annual Sermon
1956	Hickory, First; Hildebran, First.....	Fritz D. Hemphill.....	Miss Helen Cater.....	V. C. Martin
1957	West Hickory; Mountain Grove.....	Fritz D. Hemphill.....	Miss Helen Cater.....	O. Jack Murphy

Statistical Tables

TABLE A. CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP OF THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1957

Index Number	CHURCHES	Location Rural V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	GAINS				LOSSES	TOTAL			SPECIAL INFORMATION						
					Baptisms	Letters and Other Additions	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-resident Members	Grand Total	Revival Meetings Held	Number Titlers	Church Have Budget?	Every Member Canvass	State Paper in Budget	No. Local Missions Operated by Church	Pastor's Annual Salary (Whether had a pastor or not)		
1	Brookford.....	T	1910	All	1	1	1	107	.....	107	2	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 1,908.00
2	Catawba.....	T	1875	All	3	4	18	160	57	217	2	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,000.00
3	Claremont.....	T	1953	All	7	8	4	68	6	74	1	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,620.00
4	Conover.....	T	1942	All	5	5	8	100	9	109	1	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,600.00
5	Corinth.....	T	1840	All	10	4	8	202	65	267	1	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,120.00
6	Hickory, Calvary.....	C	1943	All	8	4	12	194	16	210	2	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,483.00
7	" Community.....	C	1949	All	34	25	7	227	10	237	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,640.00
8	" East Hickory.....	C	1940	All	24	24	19	248	90	338	2	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,442.00
9	" First.....	C	1870	All	59	80	88	1,284	178	1,462	2	470	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,800.00
10	" Highland.....	C	1912	All	23	15	117	580	120	700	2	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,200.00
11	" Longview.....	C	1940	All	9	9	18	239	40	279	2	62	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,900.00
12	" Oakland Heights.....	C	1944	All	29	19	53	788	90	888	1	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,250.00
13	" Penelope.....	C	1888	All	10	16	18	296	36	332	2	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,200.00
14	" Temple.....	C	1949	All	44	52	51	800	76	876	2	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,720.00
15	" Viewmont.....	C	1935	All	37	31	31	929	75	1,004	2	251	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,720.00
16	" West Hickory.....	T	1907	All	37	14	14	423	124	547	3	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,680.00
17	Hildebran, First.....	T	1891	All	27	14	3	177	50	227	1	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,900.00
18	Icard.....	V	1918	All	18	6	1	242	30	272	2	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,240.00
19	Mountain Grove.....	C	1881	All	23	27	37	676	186	862	2	460	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,660.00
20	Newton, First.....	C	1882	All	10	15	19	275	76	351	2	114	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,800.00
21	" North.....	C	1921	All	3	11	9	17	48	65	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	600.00
22	Oxford Community.....	R	1952	All	4	13	6	60	7	67	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,756.00
23	Orama.....	R	1954	All	7	6	4	147	12	159	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,900.00
24	Providence.....	R	1878	All	21	22	22	246	37	283	1	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,940.00
25	Sandy Ridge.....	R	1944	All	10	25	6	91	17	91	1	74	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,175.00
26	Springs Road.....	R	1957	All	3	10	12	44	17	61	1	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,140.00
27	Starown.....	R	1947	All	5	5	2	33	27	40	1	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,015.00
28	Sweetwater.....	R	1954	All	21	16	7	293	27	320	2	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,160.00
29	Wartick's.....	R	1854	All	7	25	.....	55	32	87	2	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,650.00
30	Wayside.....	R	1954	All	468	527	618	9,147	1,536	10,683	55	2,948	26	10	9	.....	114,859.00	
	Totals.....																		

Miss Helen Cater, Clerk, Hickory. Fritz D. Hemphill, Moderator, Hickory.

**TABLE B. SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1957**

Index Number	CHURCHES	Associational Superintendent T. W. Nelson 122 16th St., S E, Hickory	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES																	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLMENT												
			Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People, Single	Young People, Married	Adults (25-34)	Adults (35 and Up)	Extension Department	Others Not Counted Classes And Departments	Grand Total School Enrolment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrollment	Average Attendance V.B.S.	January Bible Study	Number Training Schools												
1	Brookford	Mrs. Katie Miller, 1728 2nd St. S W, Hickory		12	5	12	13	16	12	35	48	14	6	114	58	92	85	1														
2	Catawba	Jake Abernathy, Catawba	4	20	15	11	13	26		25		14	8	184	102	92	85	1														
3	Charmont	Doyle E. Benfield, Conover		5		14	15	6	10					87	55	69	69															
4	Conover	Robby Keller, Gen. Del., Conover		19		14	11	10		17		25	4	116	80	100	100															
5	Caruth	F. W. Kaiser, Rt. 3, Vale		17	8	23	27	18	18	25	30	47		178	125	125	100															
6	Hickory	Ray Huffman, 719 19th St. S W, Hickory		12	16	14	26	19	25	11	27	32	4	366	201	126	117															
7	Community	Otto Jones, Rt. 1, Box 472, Hickory	13	14	20	24	39	32	30	63	65	56	5	369	225	167	157	Yes														
8	"	Eugene Jackadoo, Rt. 3, Box 146-A, Hickory	10	40	23	33	47	17	13	24	40	90	8	1,413	780	302	300	Yes														
9	"	Donald E. Grouse, P. O. Box 273, Hickory	49	100	100	132	182	143	70	178	433	16	5	631	357	187	138	Yes														
10	"	Guy N. Sherrill, Rt. 2, Box 509, Hickory	12	48	53	58	80	70	25	46	86	132	16	5	306	192	171	146	Yes													
11	"	Julius Cook, Jr., Rt. 1, Hickory		32	22	41	48	32	16	11	49	57		3	163	61	80	64	Yes													
12	"	Carl G. King, 714 10th St. Byd. N W, Hickory	6	8	11	14	26	19	25	11	27	16	4	3	894	513	290	216	Yes													
13	"	G. S. Robinson, 1446 1st Ave. N W, Hickory	6	33	36	52	70	65	8	29	43	35	4	4	415	205	143	118	Yes													
14	"	Harry Burger, Rt. 3, Hickory	37	126	65	98	130	109	34	76	239	125	39	5	1,083	562	301	258	Yes													
15	"	Earl Roberts, 128 15th Ave. N W, Hickory	67	101	49	113	138	99	41	70	145	262	72	5	1,162	542	247	203	Yes													
16	"	Viewmont																														
17	Wildeman, First	Ray Childers, Wildeman	9	57	24	51	69	47	31	41	54	132	35	5	543	294	163	143	Yes													
18	Isard	John Church, Rt. 1, Box 11-A, Connelly Springs	9	32	31	39	43	25	19	13	47	55	6	4	269	166	96	89	Yes													
19	Mountain Grove	George Casler, Rt. 1, Hickory	8	17	39	43	25	19	13	47	55	6	4	314	205	157	145	Yes														
20	Newton, First	Jesse Beckard, 714 S. Brady Ave., Newton	15	66	51	66	83	53	43	67	251	23	23	6	744	467	224	189	Yes													
21	Newton, North	G. O. Dixon, 1809 N. College Ave., Newton	9	29	39	46	76	51	10	17	28	71	22	5	423	242	189	163	Yes													
22	Oxford Community	Mrs. Victor L. Andrews, 438 E. 20th St., Newton		6	3	7	10	15	10	17	28	71	22	5	423	242	189	163	Yes													
23	O'ama	M. S. Dugan, Rt. 3, Box 256, Hickory	4	6	9	12	10	17	10	17	28	71	22	5	423	242	189	163	Yes													
24	Providence	M. S. Brittain, Rt. 3, Box 353, Hickory		2	10	8	15	22	9	13	25	46	3	5	50	49	59	54	Yes													
25	Sandy Ridge	Robert V. Martin, Rt. 3, Box 353, Hickory		31	17	37	57	34	19	21	47	40	2	4	135	102	56	44	Yes													
26	Spring Road	Willard Rolick, Rt. 2, Box 258-A, Hickory		26	15	15	28	16	5	18			5	3	312	223	152	132	Yes													
27	Startown	Clarence Smith, 1507 N. Frye Ave., Newton		5	12	9	15	5	5		35	35		2	166	103	115	115	Yes													
28	Sweetwater	Paul Bradshaw, 1684 C Ave. S E, Hickory		13	12	12	13	8		16	26			4	78	57	31	27	Yes													
29	Wardlaw	T. L. Benfield, Rt. 5, Hickory		13	16	17	51	29	30	73	55	13	5	4	104	45	125	100	Yes													
30	Wingate	Spencer Gragg, 80 30th St. N W, Hickory		10			17	9	12	29	23			6	312	136	125	100	Yes													
Totals			275	930	797	1,109	1,473	1,108	680	558	1,617	2,354	366	115	11,402	6,345	3,852	3,298	19	48												

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**TABLE C. TRAINING UNION OF THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1957**

Index Number	CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES																	TRAINING UNION ENROLLMENT											
		Associational Director William E. Melvin Viewmont Apt. 9-D, Hickory	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People, Single	Young People, Married	Adults, 25-34	Adults, 35 and up	Mission Enrollment	General Officers	Enrolled Grand Total	Average Attendance	Observe Youth Week?															
1	Brookford.....	Bruce B. Bishop, 1240 10th St. N E, Hickory.....	6	10	7	9	13	9	10	.....	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	79	55	Yes						
2	Catawba.....	Mrs. Newell Eades, Catawba.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	15	.....										
3	Claremont.....	Roger B. Parker, Claremont.....	6	8	2	10	6	2	.....	3	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	51	30	.....										
4	Conover.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	Corinth.....	Mrs. George Propst, Rt. 4, Hickory.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	36	21	.....										
6	Hickory.....	Bill Marr, 1209 18th St. S W, Hickory.....	.....	.....	6	8	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	51	32	.....										
7	Community.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
8	" East Hickory.....	Clammie T. Self, 1606 E Ave. S E, Hickory.....	15	9	21	18	23	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	162	100	Yes				
9	" First.....	P. W. Broome, 345 7th Ave. Pl. N W, Hickory.....	11	14	48	96	79	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	327	183	Yes				
10	" Highland.....	Richard G. Reese, 303 9th Ave. N W, Hickory.....	14	8	17	40	23	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	173	99	Yes				
11	" Longview.....	Leonard Tolbert, Box 1632, Hickory.....	11	6	6	38	18	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	155	110	Yes				
12	" Oakland Heights.....	Mrs. W. L. Williams, 3806 2nd Ave. N W, Hickory.....	2	2	3	10	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	50	15	.....										
13	" Penelope.....	Mrs. R. G. Childres, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs.....	4	9	18	56	37	22	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	231	120	Yes					
14	" Temple.....	John Stephens, 780 Main Ave. S E, Hickory.....	2	10	5	19	25	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	108	48	Yes				
15	" Viewmont.....	Max T. Swink, Rt. 2, Box 457, Hickory.....	23	19	34	53	46	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	294	140	Yes				
16	" West Hickory.....	Boyd L. Matheson, 133 33rd St. N W, Hickory.....	12	28	21	21	53	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	291	135	.....										
17	Hildebran, First.....	Mary Frances Eggers, Hildebran.....	12	21	21	21	31	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	161	99	Yes				
18	Icard.....	Shirley Church, Rt. 1, Box 11-A, Connelly Springs.....	5	6	9	10	10	12	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	74	80	.....										
19	Mountain Grove.....	Mrs. Marvin Keller, Rt. 1, Box 448, Hickory.....	6	14	21	19	8	29	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	140	85	.....										
20	Newton, First.....	Mrs. Howard Deal, Rt. 2, Newton.....	6	9	8	28	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	129	65	Yes			
21	" North.....	Loy Mauney, Jr., 316 N. Davis Ave., Newton.....	10	14	13	31	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	148	73	Yes			
22	Oxford Community.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
23	Ovama.....	G. R. Bustle, 1925 Main Ave. S E, Hickory.....	3	4	8	5	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	56	28	.....										
24	Providence.....	Ernest Cline, Rt. 1, Hickory.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	66	43	.....										
25	Sandy Ridge.....	Jack J. Johnson, 60 28th St. N W, Hickory.....	2	5	8	12	11	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	138	112	.....										
26	Springs Road.....	Byron Scott, Rt. 1, Conover.....	6	8	3	7	12	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	80	46	.....										
27	Starown.....	David Abernethy, Rt. 1, Newton.....	2	3	3	6	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	35	26	.....										
28	Sweetwater.....	Fred Bridges, Rt. 3, Hickory.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	34	18	.....										
29	Warlick's.....	Robert L. Speagle, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs.....	10	8	7	14	21	12	3	96	51	Yes											
30	Wayside.....											
	Totals.....	148	218	308	637	557	187	139	414	500	102	3,210	1,719	12											

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**TABLE D. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1957**

Index Number	CHURCHES	Associational President Mrs. B. R. Holbrook Hildebran	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W. M. S. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Total Tithers All Organizations
1	Brookford		Mrs. W. R. Keith, Catawba	2	1	1	1	5	25	12	3	1	41	25
2	Catawba		Mrs. I. W. Goans, Box 115, Catawba	1		1		2	18				31	18
3	Claremont													
4	Conover													
5	Cornith		Mrs. C. L. Pickler, Rt. 3, Vale	2		2	1	5	45		11	10	66	15
6	Hickory, Calvary													
7	" Community		Mrs. Clyde Helton, P. O. Box 170, Hickory	1				1	16				16	8
8	" East Hickory		Mrs. G. W. Delhart, Box 495 Annex, Hickory	3	1	1	2	7	58	12	8	34	112	50
9	" First		Mrs. A. Leroy Newton, 348 2nd St. N E, Hickory	22	2	6		32	338	31	93	50	512	340
10	" Highland		Mrs. E. L. Guthrie, 1118 8th St. N E, Hickory	7	1	1	2	11	81	10	10	36	137	80
11	" Longview		Mrs. Richard Good, 1427 Highland Ave. N E, Hickory	1				1	18				18	18
12	" Oakland Heights		Mrs. Robert Ledbetter, 1241 11th St. N W, Hickory	2		1	2	5	27		9	20	56	20
13	" Pendulo		Mrs. Robert Ledbetter, 3133 6th Ave. S W, Hickory	11		3	2	17	141	10	28	20	199	91
14	" Temple		Mrs. Floyd Queen, 514 6th Ave. S E, Hickory	4	1	2	2	9	48	11	25	40	124	62
15	" Viewmont		Mrs. Eugene Hall, 2004 4th St. N E, Hickory	8	1	5	3	17	133	10	67	57	267	119
16	" West Hickory		Mrs. Thomas Attrip, P. O. Box 1553, Hickory	9	1	2	2	14	109	13	34	44	200	90
17	Hildebran, First		Mrs. J. D. Hoyle, Hildebran	5	1	2	2	10	68	9	39	40	156	74
18	Icard		Mrs. Eugene Glass, Rt. 2, Comely Springs	4	1	2	1	8	38	11	35	7	91	64
19	Mountain Grove		Mrs. H. J. Whitener, Rt. 1, Box 125	3	1	2	2	8	40	6	17	51	114	26
20	Newton, First		Mrs. Harold Hewitt, 327 E. H Street, Newton	8	1	3	2	14	121	16	37	54	228	109
21	" North		Mrs. Fred Tate, 2030 N. Shupp Ave., Newton	2	1	2	2	7	48	8	19	37	112	51
22	Oxford Community		Mrs. Gerald Pope, Rt. 1, Box 127, Conover	1				1	7				7	5
23	Oyama		Mrs. Marshall Hoyle, 603 21st St. S E, Hickory	2		2	1	5	17		10	10	37	
24	Providence		Kathleen Ienhour, Rt. 3, Vale	1				1	18				18	
25	Sandy Ridge		Mrs. Van Foster, Rt. 2, Box 355, Hickory	2				2	31				31	
26	Springs Road		Mrs. J. W. Perkins, Rt. 1, Conover	2	1	2	2	7	31	9	22	21	83	35
27	Startown		Mrs. Larry Penley, 925 5th St. S E, Hickory	2		2	2	6	32		23	24	79	37
28	Sweetwater		Mrs. E. R. Caldwell, 645 21st St. S E, Hickory	1		1	1	3	16		7	8	31	12
29	Warlick's		Mrs. Albert Berry, Box 144, Icard	1				1	6				6	6
30	Wayside		Mrs. Spouner Gragg, 80 30th St. N W, Hickory	1	1			2	20	12			32	10
	Totals			107	17	43	34	201	1,537	188	510	564	2,799	1,375

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TABLE E. BROTHERHOOD WORK OF THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE YEAR
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1957

Index Number	CHURCHES	Associational Brotherhood President Robert Rhoney Rt. 4, Hickory	PRESIDENTS OF MEN'S BROTHERHOODS AND ADDRESSES	CHRM. ROYAL AMBASSADOR CO. AND ADDRESSES	Men's Brotherhood Enrollment	Young Men's Brotherhood Enrollment	Total Men	No. Junior R. A. Chapters	Junior R. A. Enrollment	No. Intermediate R. A. Chapters	Intermediate R. A. Enrollment	Total R. A. Enrollment	Grand Total Enrollment
1	Brookford.		Claude Wilke, Conover.	Philip Morrow, Catawba.	11		11	1	9			9	20
2	Catawba.		Craig Morrow, Conover.		10		10					10	
3	Claremont.				1		1						
4	Conover.												
5	Corinth.												
6	Hickory, Calvary.												
7	Community.												
8	" East Hickory		Ross Huffman, 1048 15th St. N. E. Hickory		15		15	1	8			8	23
9	" First.		W. D. Slemple, 16 18th St. S. W. Hickory		143		143	1	22	1	10	32	175
10	" Highland.		Zack Guttrie, Rt. 2, Box 52, Hickory		35		35		18			18	53
11	" Longview		Elvin Cooke, 158 27th St. S. W. Hickory		40		40	1	10	1	11	21	61
12	" Oakland Heights.		C. L. Bolick, 4th Ave. Dr. N. W. Hickory		14	8	22	1	10			10	32
13	" Penelope.		Cecil Sigmon, 318 33rd St. S. W. Hickory		69		69	1	10			10	79
14	" Temple.		Gordon Sigmon, Rt. 3, Box 104, Hickory		24		24	1	16	1	12	28	52
15	" Viewmont.		James Brittain, 156 12th Ave. N. W. Hickory		77		77	1	29	1	9	38	115
16	" West Hickory		James Clay, 406 11th St. S. W. Hickory		64		64	1	22	1	15	37	101
17	Hickory, First.		E. R. Chapman, Rt. 4, Hickory		26		26	1	13	1	13	26	52
18	Ilcard.		Edward Childers, Rt. 4, Hickory		24		24	1	8			8	32
19	Mountain Grove.		Carl Waters, Rt. 1, Hickory		20		20	1	23		7	16	85
20	Newton, First.		Lee R. Furr, 203 W. 21st St. Newton.		69		69		9			9	29
21	" North.		Harley Lee Drum, 2018 N. Drum Ave., Newton.		29		29						
22	Oxford Community.												
23	Oyana.												
24	Providence.												
25	Sandy Ridge.		Samuel Teague, 2215 2nd St. N. E. Hickory		18		18	2	18	1	11	29	47
26	Spring Road.		Richard Sprouse, Rt. 1, Conover		22		22	1	22	1	8	30	52
27	Startown.		Clarence Smith, 1507 N. Frye Ave., Newton.		10		10						10
28	Sweetwater.		H. N. Philpotts, 705 Highland Ave. N. E. Hickory		10		10						10
29	Warlick.		Leon Lowman, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs.		26		26	1	15	1	10	25	51
30	Waysside.												
	Totals.				756	8	764	17	262	9	106	368	1,132

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TABLE F. CHURCH MUSIC—BUILDING—GOALS OF THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1957

Index Number	CHURCHES	Associational Missionary None	CHURCH MUSIC						Library	BUILDING				GOALS		SPECIAL		
			Number Choirs	Total Choir Enrollment	Total Music Budget (excluding salaries)	No. Copies Church Musician Usually Ordered	Music Training Course?	Name of Hymnal Used in Auditorium		Does your church have a library?	Value Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home	Money Spent on New Construction, Equipment, and Property	Total Church Debt at End of Year	Cooperative Program, % of Total Budget		Association Mission Goal Coming Year	Does church have weekday Nursery School?
1	Brookford.....	Mrs. Beatie Wells.	1	28						Baptist	Yes	4,000.00	22,000.00	110.00		50%	104.00	
2	Catawba.....	Mrs. Lutell Keith, Catawba.	1	30						Broadman	Yes	5,000.00	106,000.00	2,849.00	5,567.00	8%	30.00	
3	Claremont.....	Wilbur Edmondson, Gen. Delivery, Conover.	2	20						Favorite		6,000.00	53,000.00	4,000.00				
4	Conover.....	T. G. Wright, Rt. 1, Vale.	1	24						Broadman	Yes	16,000.00	40,000.00	1,103.00	2,400.00	5%	120.00	
5	Corinth.....	Bill Marr, 1209 18th St. S. W. Hickory.	2	30						Broadman	Yes		75,000.00	944.00	8,500.00		100.00	
6	Hickory, Calvary.....	Raymond Jennings, Greenville, S. C.	1	18						Broadman	Yes	15,000.00	40,000.00	10,000.00		10%	169.00	
7	Community.....	Julian Suggs, 147 13th Ave. N. W. Hickory.	1	30						New Baptist	Yes	50,000.00	833,000.00	1,146.00	108,128.00			
8	East Hickory.....	Robin Gatwood, 517 7th Ave. N. E. Hickory.	5	199	900	1	25			Broadman	Yes	30,000.00	225,000.00	24,628.00	49,335.00	17%	540.00	
9	First.....	Mrs. Frank Barger, 908 8th St. N. E. Hickory.	2	35	100					Broadman	Yes	7,000.00	40,500.00	697.00		6%	94.00	
10	Highland.....	Lloyd Pitman, Rt. 2, Conover.	1	22						Modern	Yes		15,000.00				42.00	
11	Longview.....	Walter Daniels, 58 34th St. N. W. Hickory.	3	72	125		30			Baptist	Yes	36,000.00	201,000.00	900.00	15,599.00	18%	153.00	
12	Oakland Heights.....	Dwight Robinson, 1452 1st Ave. N. W. Hickory.	1	16						Broadman	Yes	15,000.00	80,000.00	477.00	39,500.00	6%	550.00	
13	Penelope.....	Mrs. Ralph Kendall, 2806 1st Ave. N. W. Hickory.	3	45	100		35	Yes		Broadman	Yes	27,000.00	242,000.00	18,013.00	20,000.00	14%	600.00	
14	Temple.....	Miss Ruth Durham, 47 14th St. S. E. Hickory.	3	90	250		3	Yes		Modern	Yes	30,000.00	355,000.00	2,500.00	81,000.00	10%	300.00	
15	Viewmont.....	Hendley Ellington, 549 N. Center St., Hickory	4	75			12			Broadman	Yes	20,000.00	102,500.00		4,020.00	15%	144.00	
16	West Hickory.....	Mildred Wycoff, Hidebran.	2	40						Broadman	Yes	5,500.00	55,000.00	304.00	2,917.00		120.00	
17	Hidebran, First.....	Garvine Franklin, Icard.	2	32			5			Broadman	Yes	1,500.00	80,000.00	1,296.00	1,120.00	9%	168.00	
18	Icard.....	L. Vernon Connell, Rt. 1, Box 652, Hickory.	3	84	400		2			Baptist	Yes	22,000.00	128,000.00	4,000.00			540.00	
19	Mountain Grove.....	O. R. Hurley, 2308 N. Anderson Ave., Newton.	4	50	45					Broadman	Yes	12,500.00	71,000.00	4,000.00	1,120.00		168.00	
20	Newton, First.....	Buddy Whitener, Rt. 1, Hickory.	1	15						Broadman		20,000.00	13,500.00	6,822.00	7,000.00		43.00	
21	North.....	Mrs. Gene Julian, Rt. 3, Box 278-A, Hickory.	1	16						Broadman		10,000.00	100,000.00	3,879.00	24,236.00		87.00	
22	Oxford Community.....	Mrs. Haeley Fisher, 1040 19th St. N. E. Hickory.	2	30			6			Modern		38,000.00	38,000.00	33,900.00	20,292.00	5%		
23	Oyama.....	Mrs. Mack Stafford, Rt. 2, Hickory.	2	37	75					Baptist		5,000.00	5,000.00	347.00	1,120.00		27.00	
24	Providence.....	David Abernethy, Rt. 1, Newton.	1	21						Broadman		8,000.00	98,000.00	513.00	2,200.00	6%	111.00	
25	Sandy Ridge.....	Loretta Johnson, 10th Ave. Dr. N. E. Hickory.	1	15						Broadman				22,529.00	24,000.00	12%		
26	Spring Road.....	Mrs. Vera Knox, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs.								Broadman					8,070.00			
27	Startown.....	Paul Coffey, Rt. 1, Hickory.								Voice of Praise								
28	Sweetwater.....																	
29	Warlick s.....																	
30	Wayside.....																	
	Totals.....		54	1111	2,086							340,500.00	3,204,500.00	160,723.00	416,934.00		4,098.00	

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TABLE G. AND H. TOTAL GIFTS AND LOCAL EXPENDITURES, THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1957

Index Number	CHURCHES	Associational Treasurer Heath B. Marsh 3024 N. Center St., Hickory	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Total Gifts for All Purposes	Total Salaries (Do Not Include Pastors Salary Here)	Maintenance, Insurance, Repair, etc.	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature, Song Books, Printing, etc.	Local Missions and Benevolences	Revival Expenses and Pastoral Supply	Debt	Other Local Expenses	Total Local Expenses (Excluding Pastors Salary)	Pastor's Salary (Money Paid)	Grand Total Local Expense
1	Brookford.....		R. S. Bolick.....	\$ 17,400.00	\$ 880.00	\$ 340.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 233.00	\$ 209.00	\$ 227.00	\$ 1,323.00	\$ 556.00	\$ 9,848.00	\$ 1,908.00	\$ 8,940.00
2	Catawba.....		Grady Abernathy, P. O. Box 109, Catawba.....	10,264.00	600.00	806.00	2,043.00	762.00	330.60	901.00	79.00	1,218.00	6,666.00	1,920.00	8,586.00
3	Claremont.....		Mrs. Francis Henry, Rt. 1, Catawba.....	4,680.00	.....	168.00	.....	193.00	.....	79.00	980.00	128.00	1,528.00	2,620.00	4,148.00
4	Conover.....		Wilburn Edmondson, Box 372, Conover.....	7,685.00	.....	460.00	4,000.00	75.00	100.00	180.00	780.00	200.00	5,885.00	1,600.00	7,485.00
5	Corinth.....		R. L. Whisnant, Rt. 1, Box 260, Hickory.....	7,637.00	130.00	623.00	1,103.00	296.00	100.00	112.00	.....	138.00	2,492.00	3,120.00	5,612.00
6	Hickory, Calvary.....		Mrs. J. C. Robinette, Rt. 3, Box 9-A, Hickory.....	10,116.00	425.00	161.00	944.00	172.00	156.00	242.00	2,113.00	1,077.00	5,297.00	3,483.00	8,780.00
7	" Community.....		Mrs. Madeline Terry, 1522 C Ave. S E, Hickory.....	10,750.00	732.00	333.00	591.00	349.00	.....	585.00	710.00	1,339.00	4,632.00	3,330.00	7,962.00
8	" East Hickory.....		John Alvin Ward, Rt. 3, Box 234-A, Hickory.....	23,120.00	2,176.00	803.00	1,146.00	1,187.00	331.00	426.00	.....	937.00	7,006.00	4,420.00	11,426.00
9	" First.....		C. W. Broome, 26 5th Ave. N W, Hickory.....	141,751.00	16,405.00	10,119.00	1,622.00	3,501.00	1,217.00	2,658.00	38,872.00	9,439.00	93,883.00	8,550.00	101,433.00
10	" Highland.....		A. C. Ogren, 829 Main Ave. N E, Hickory.....	48,869.00	3,887.00	2,373.00	24,628.00	2,442.00	1,117.00	1,933.00	17,212.00	1,884.00	55,476.00	3,500.00	58,976.00
11	" Longview.....		Fred Cochran, 752 8th St. S W, Hickory.....	14,404.00	492.00	1,516.00	697.00	564.00	875.00	319.00	4,433.00	512.00	9,408.00	3,900.00	13,308.00
12	" Oakland Heights.....		Walker Daniels, 58 34th St. S W, Hickory.....	5,895.00	156.00	118.00	83.00	356.00	217.00	136.00	.....	428.00	1,404.00	3,120.00	4,614.00
13	" Penelope.....		Jack Cordell, 512 33rd St. S W, Hickory.....	47,750.00	6,270.00	1,647.00	900.00	2,538.00	234.00	393.00	3,325.00	609.00	21,916.00	6,250.00	28,166.00
14	" Temple.....		J. L. Woody, Rt. 2, Newton.....	18,360.00	580.00	396.00	477.00	1,105.00	21.00	505.00	3,600.00	1,390.00	8,074.00	4,670.00	12,744.00
15	" Viewmont.....		John Keever, 1928 N. Center St., Hickory.....	66,299.00	8,116.00	7,739.00	18,013.00	2,107.00	.....	315.00	35,362.00	6,811.00	69,333.00	5,720.00	75,053.00
16	" West Hickory.....		A. E. Gahbar, 422 11th St. S W, Hickory.....	56,737.00	5,405.00	2,722.00	19,731.00	2,662.00	238.00	560.00	22,850.00	2,015.00	69,333.00	5,720.00	75,053.00
17	Hildebran, First.....		Frank Johnson, Hildebran.....	27,538.00	1,282.00	1,967.00	2,387.00	1,535.00	257.00	678.00	.....	647.00	8,783.00	4,680.00	13,463.00
18	" Second.....		Miss Julia Carswell, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs.....	14,555.00	790.00	1,014.00	.....	751.00	174.00	100.00	3,600.00	3,180.00	9,638.00	2,970.00	12,608.00
19	Mountain Grove.....		Boyd Huffman, Rt. 4, Hickory.....	11,670.00	624.00	635.00	304.00	557.00	12.00	283.00	2,280.00	931.00	5,506.00	4,240.00	9,746.00
20	Newton, First.....		Edward Howell, P. O. Box 3, Newton.....	71,106.00	5,912.00	827.00	1,276.00	1,784.00	1,310.00	529.00	.....	3,878.00	15,486.00	6,661.00	22,157.00
21	" North.....		Ed Parkhurst, P. O. Box 98, Conover.....	17,565.00	1,732.00	829.00	1,396.00	1,313.00	173.00	107.00	4,198.00	744.00	10,802.00	4,485.00	15,287.00
22	Oxford Community.....		Dale Hedrick, Rt. 1, Conover.....	1,605.00	170.00	97.00	57.00	178.00	.....	100.00	.....	389.00	961.00	4,575.00	6,534.00
23	Oyama.....		C. Ray Starnes, Rt. 2, Conover.....	4,950.00	335.00	566.00	.....	309.00	335.00	485.00	1,650.00	609.00	3,244.00	1,614.00	4,868.00
24	Providence.....		Mrs. Ora Brittain, Rt. 4, Hickory.....	9,920.00	380.00	220.00	3,879.00	116.00	.....	250.00	8,822.00	444.00	8,212.00	1,350.00	9,562.00
25	Sandy Ridge.....		E. L. Bumgarner, Rt. 3, Hickory.....	19,353.00	934.00	672.00	3,879.00	1,357.00	1,045.00	206.00	3,700.00	1,475.00	13,268.00	4,940.00	18,208.00
26	Springs Road.....		Ray LaFaire, Rt. 2, Hickory.....	12,833.00	80.00	376.00	33,900.00	619.00	.....	30.00	8,000.00	524.00	43,529.00	975.00	44,504.00
27	Startown.....		James Fox, Rt. 1, Newton.....	3,514.00	65.00	63.00	347.00	295.00	.....	51.00	110.00	44.00	975.00	2,340.00	3,315.00
28	Sweetwater.....		Mrs. E. R. Caldwell, 645 21st St S E, Hickory.....	4,500.00	105.00	125.00	514.00	209.00	75.00	100.00	474.00	300.00	1,902.00	2,015.00	3,917.00
29	Warlick's.....		Earl W. Franklin, Rt. 1, Valdese.....	17,003.00	644.00	696.00	7,162.00	426.00	267.00	200.00	1,566.00	810.00	11,361.00	4,180.00	15,541.00
30	Wayside.....		Larry Curtis, 320 21st St. S W, Hickory.....	4,246.00	.....	76.00	.....	72.00	.....	156.00	813.00	419.00	1,536.00	2,650.00	4,186.00
	Totals.....			712,075.00	\$6,067.00	\$4,047.00	127,310.00	28,013.00	8,464.00	13,236.00	170,303.00	41,064.00	\$81,504.00	104,784.00	\$86,288.00

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TABLE I. AND J. MISSION EXPENDITURES AND TOTAL EXPENDITURES, THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1957

Index Number	CHURCHES	Associational Missionary None	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	All Purposes										
				Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Other objects Relief and Annuity, etc.	Total Mission Expenditures	Grand Total
1	Brookford.....		Bruce B. Bishop, 1240 10th St. N E, Hickory.....	\$6, 146.00	\$.....	\$.....	4.00	\$.....	\$2, 009.00	\$.....	87.00	\$389.00	\$8, 644.00	\$17, 400.00
2	Catawba.....		Mrs. Georgia W. Elmore, P. O. Box 98, Catawba.....	1, 312.00	104.00	127.00	138.00	80.00	25.00	134.00	91.00	37.00	2, 048.00	10, 634.00
3	Clarendon.....		Mrs. James M. Sigmond, 216 W. A St., Newton.....		34.00	22.00	81.00	184.00		88.00	10.00	72.00	471.00	4, 619.00
4	Conover.....		Mrs. Innis Tuglie, Rt. 1, Newton.....									200.00	200.00	7, 685.00
5	Condit.....		Miss Elma Stallings, Rt. 3, Vale.....	477.00	102.00	71.00	43.00	91.00	739.00	145.00	55.00	546.00	1, 530.00	7, 142.00
6	Hickory, Calvary.....		Mrs. David W. Hollar, 1210 18th St. S W, Hickory.....	25.00		7.00		632.00		9.00	20.00	174.00	1, 612.00	10, 392.00
7	" Community.....		Mrs. Cleatus Davis, Jr., 1205 14th St. S E, Hickory.....			5.00		470.00			20.00	516.00	2, 993.00	8, 533.00
8	" East Hickory.....		Miss Jeanette Walker, 921 15th St. N E, Hickory.....	1, 798.00	146.00	96.00	74.00	151.00		127.00	85.00	164.00	44, 526.00	14, 419.00
9	" First.....		James R. Glenn, 1228 12th St. Circle N E, Hickory.....	34, 335.00	1, 209.00	1, 032.00	885.00	4, 240.00		1, 090.00	571.00	1, 164.00	10, 624.00	134, 259.00
10	" Highland.....		V. H. White, P. O. Box 355, Hickory.....	7, 042.00	430.00	313.00	209.00	411.00	702.00	211.00	200.00	1, 106.00	10, 624.00	69, 600.00
11	" Longview.....		Dura Pitman, 227 32nd St. S W, Hickory.....	551.00	184.00	27.00				40.00	32.00	19.00	859.00	14, 167.00
12	" Oakland Heights.....		Mrs. Carl King, 714 10th St. Blvd. N W, Hickory.....	420.00	42.00	5.00	10.00	12.00	118.00	88.00	14.00		709.00	5, 323.00
13	" Pendolope.....		David Childres, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs.....	9, 495.00	333.00	202.00	41.00	915.00	118.00	131.00	101.00	650.00	11, 920.00	40, 086.00
14	" Temple.....		Mrs. Horace Hooks, Rt. 3, Box 124-A, Hickory.....	900.00	115.00	39.00	82.00	56.00	8.00	110.00	43.00		1, 353.00	14, 097.00
15	" Viewmont.....		Mrs. John J. Potcat, 1385 5th St. N E, Hickory.....	5, 884.00	540.00	168.00	125.00	675.00		542.00	104.00	561.00	8, 247.00	83, 300.00
16	" West Hickory.....		James A. Pierce, 942 14th St. Dr. S E, Hickory.....	2, 433.00	240.00	142.00	203.00	1, 865.00	100.00	190.00	112.00	336.00	5, 621.00	71, 384.00
17	Hildebran, First.....		Mary Frances Piggers, Hildebran.....	2, 433.00	240.00	142.00	203.00	1, 865.00	100.00	190.00	112.00	336.00	5, 621.00	71, 384.00
18	" Icard.....		James L. Ledford, Box 116, Icard.....	1, 061.00	121.00	107.00	120.00	210.00	134.00	31.00	35.00	128.00	1, 947.00	19, 084.00
19	" Mountain Grove.....		Mrs. C. S. Echard, Rt. 1, Box 652, Hickory.....			124.00	49.00	147.00		46.00	143.00		1, 834.00	11, 570.00
20	Newton, First.....		Mrs. Geraldine Hooks, 313 W. G St., Newton.....	1, 200.00	125.00	124.00	90.00	210.00		928.00	275.00	451.00	9, 477.00	31, 634.00
21	" North.....		Fay P. Drum, 2012 N. Ashe Ave., Newton.....	5, 025.00	416.00	377.00	324.00	1, 310.00	371.00	180.00	86.00	244.00	2, 466.00	17, 813.00
22	Oxford Community.....		Mrs. Gerard Pope, Rt. 1, Box 127, Conover.....	1, 315.00	148.00	266.00	66.00	150.00	11.00		5.00	9.00	74.00	1, 608.00
23	Oyama.....		Mrs. J. E. Houser, Rt. 3, Box 276-B, Hickory.....	27.00	22.00		3.00				5.00		106.00	4, 964.00
24	Providence.....		Millie Whitener, Rt. 4, Box 380, Hickory.....	111.00	77.00	50.00	25.00	25.00	31.00	18.00	14.00	107.00	526.00	10, 088.00
25	" Sandy Ridge.....		Mrs. Donnie Page, Rt. 3, Box 459, Hickory.....	360.00	152.00	50.00	103.00	68.00	110.00	44.00	72.00		959.00	19, 167.00
26	Springs Road.....		Roy Lafone, Rt. 2, Hickory.....	520.00		41.00	41.00	363.00	11.00	41.00	76.00	13.00	1, 065.00	45, 589.00
27	Startown.....		Mrs. Leslie Brittain, Rt. 1, Newton.....	104.00	27.00	28.00		21.00			8.00		188.00	3, 503.00
28	Sweetwater.....		Patsy Houston, Rt. 3, Box 398, Hickory.....	156.00	48.00	15.00	11.00	22.00					252.00	4, 169.00
29	Wadlick's.....		E. T. Berry, Icard.....	824.00	111.00	25.00	26.00	34.00		23.00	35.00		1, 078.00	16, 599.00
30	Wayside.....		Mrs. Virginia Curtis, 320 21st St. S W, Hickory.....		60.00								60.00	4, 246.00
Totals.....				88, 385.00	5, 404.00	3, 312.00	3, 027.00	13, 013.00	2, 412.00	6, 275.00	2, 356.00	7, 237.00	131, 421.00	717, 709.00

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IMPORTANT NOTICES

1. This association has no Baptist school, hospital, encampment, orphanage, state or south-wide agency or board located within its borders.

2. There is no W. M. U., Sunday School, Training Union or Brotherhood meeting during the sessions of our association. All these meet at some other time. No minutes of their meetings were furnished the clerk for publication except the W. M. U. Information on their work can be found in their reports to this body.

3. The calendar activities of the association is incomplete at this time but will be issued at a later date.

4. Reports to this session of the association are found in the section immediately following the Proceedings of Association and bear the name of chairman of the committee only.

5. In the Proceedings of the Association no mention is made of a motion for the adoption of reports. The fact that they appear in the minutes prove their adoption.

LIST OF MESSENGERS

- BROOKFORD (4) W. C. Laney (Pastor), Mrs. Dewey Austin, Mrs. J. R. Holselaw, Mrs. W. C. Laney, Muriel Simpson.
- CATAWBA (5) B. A. Cooper (Pastor), Mrs. Lena Eades, Mrs. D. H. Webber, Mrs. Carl Wike, H. A. Witherspoon, Mrs. H. A. Witherspoon.
- CLAREMONT (3) Thomas Atnip (Pastor), Robert R. Dorsey, Mrs. I. W. Goans, Elmer Spencer.
- CORINTH (5) C. L. Pickler (Pastor), Mrs. Luther Costner, Mrs. Fred T. Foard, Mrs. C. L. Pickler, Miss Elma Stallings, Miss Velma Stallings.
- HICKORY, CALVARY (5) W. W. Marr (Pastor), Mrs. Mattie Seitz, Mrs. W. W. Marr.
- HICKORY, COMMUNITY (4) R. L. Ball (Pastor).
- HICKORY, EAST (6) T. W. Nelson (Pastor), Mrs. E. D. Canipe, G. W. DeHart, Mrs. G. W. DeHart, Mrs. Joe Franklin, Mrs. John Friar, Mrs. M. D. Guthrie.
- HICKORY, FIRST (17) Dr. G. Othell Hand (Pastor), Philip Bost, Mrs. Carl Brooks, Jr., David O. Byler, Mrs. L. P. Frans, George Davis, Donald E. Greene, J. D. Greene, Mrs. E. H. Hutto, E. L. Jones, Mrs. G. O. McKee, H. B. Marsh, Mrs. H. B. Marsh, Mrs. Jesse Pope, Mrs. Nolan Sigmon, Mrs. W. T. Stevenson, Dr. W. D. Yelton.
- HICKORY, HIGHLAND (10) J. Howard Cates (Pastor), Page Caldwell, Mrs. J. Howard Cates, W. B. Duncan, Mrs. W. B. Duncan, Mrs. R. A. Eller, Mrs. A. C. Ogren, Mrs. Levi Phillips, Mrs. B. K. Rogers, Mrs. M. C. Turbyfill, V. H. White.
- HICKORY, LONGVIEW (6) J. D. Compton (Pastor), Mrs. Ed Cook, Elvin Cook, Mrs. Wayne Elder, Mrs. J. C. Land, Lloyd Pittman, Mrs. Lloyd Pittman.
- HICKORY, OAKLAND HEIGHTS (4) Mrs. Ralph Bumgardner, Mrs. Anderson Cole, Rosa Hefner, Mrs. Berry Lafone.
- HICKORY, PENELOPE (12) O. Jack Murphy (Pastor), Mrs. Julius Butler, Mrs. O. T. Crump, Mrs. Fred Elrod, Mrs. W. J. Herman, Fred A. Lane, Mrs. Fred Lane, Mrs. J. D. McCray, Mrs. Paul Mise, Mrs. O. Jack Murphy, Mrs. Howard Penland, H. D. Starnes, Mrs. Wilson Aultman.
- HICKORY, TEMPLE (6) W. S. Elliott (Pastor), Mrs. Dillon Cannon, Mrs. W. S. Elliott, J. Z. Fulbright, Cecil Mull, Floyd Queen, E. F. Sullivan.
- HICKORY, VIEWMONT (12) Albert A. Young (Pastor), Mrs. W. T. Deal, Mrs. T. F. Digh, A. T. Fox, Mrs. A. T. Fox, Floyd Johnson, Mrs. Carroll Moser, Bruce Teague, Mrs. W. F. Webster.
- HICKORY, WEST (13) Fritz D. Hemphill (Pastor), Walter Cannon, Mrs. J. E. Day, Mrs. Albert Gantt, Herbert Hulon, Maurice Jarrett, Mrs. Maurice Jarrett, J. Louis Price, Mrs. J. Louis Price, Clyde T. Robinson, Mrs. A. A. Rowe, Mrs. W. R. Sutherland, Mrs. Joe Ward, Jack C. Williams.
- HILDEBRAN, FIRST (8) B. R. Holbrook, (Pastor), Jones F. Abernethy, Mrs. Jones Abernethy, Eddie Holbrook, Mrs. Ernest Stuart, Sr.

- ICARD (5) Mrs. M. J. Burns, Mrs. G. C. King, T. C. Maye, Mrs. Roy Simpson, Mrs. Dale Wilson.
- MOUNTAIN GROVE (5) L. Vernon Connell (Pastor), Wade Abee, C. S. Eckard, Mrs. G. F. Huffman, Lena Leatherman, Mrs. A. P. Whitener.
- NEWTON, FIRST (10) James M. Wilder (Pastor), Harry Forbes, Mrs. R. L. Furr, Mrs. Craig Hilton, Mrs. Clyde McGee, Mrs. R. E. Vickers.
- NEWTON, NORTH (6) James Helvey (Pastor), Mrs. Wade Bandy, Mrs. F. I. Davis, Mrs. Harley Drum, Carl Hefner, Mrs. Carl Hefner, W. R. Massey.
- OYAMA (3) R. G. Short (Pastor), Mrs. D. D. Granger, Mrs. Paul Lail, Mrs. Ben Roberts.
- PROVIDENCE (4) M. L. Ross (Pastor), Mrs. Ernest Cline, Mrs. Lola Huffman, Mrs. M. L. Ross, Mrs. Carrie Schrum.
- SANDY RIDGE (6) V. C. Martin (Pastor), Mrs. J. W. McMillian, Mrs. Guy Martin, Mrs. V. C. Martin, Mrs. Donnie Page, Mrs. Roy Killian, Jay Teague.
- SPRINGS ROAD (4) W. E. Melvin (Pastor), Mrs. Warner Bengel, Harold Mathis, Mrs. W. E. Melvin, Mrs. C. H. Wagner.
- STARTOWN (3)
- SWEETWATER (3) Edwin Davis, Mrs. Edwin Davis.
- WARLICK'S (6) M. L. Hastings (Pastor), Mrs. Clara Bridges.
- WAYSIDE (4) Horace Harris (Pastor), Julius Cook, Larry Kirby, Ray Kirby.

CONSTITUTION

Adopted October 25, 1956

Article I. NAME

This body shall be known as the Theron Rankin Baptist Association.

Article II. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the association shall be to devise and implement plans for the enlargement and accomplishment of the missionary enterprise of the member churches through fellowship and cooperation with each other. The association shall seek to recommend measures for the increased harmony and spiritual power of member churches. It shall provide an organizational framework for the promotion of the cause of missions, including education and evangelism, through the program sponsored by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Article III. ARTICLES OF FAITH

The articles of faith of this association, which shall be the basis of fellowship and cooperation, are those adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis, May 14, 1925.

Article IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The association shall be composed of the Missionary Baptist Churches which are members of the present association.

Section 2. The association shall receive into its fellowship and program such other Missionary Baptist Churches as adhere to the teachings of the Bible as expressed in the Articles of Faith of the association, subscribe to the constitution and by-laws of the association, and support the Southern Baptist and North Carolina Baptist Missions program.

Section 3. The association shall withdraw fellowship from member churches upon their continual refusal to cooperate in the accomplishment of the objective of the association.

Article V. MEETINGS

Section 1. The association shall meet in regular session annually for two days in one or more of its member churches for the purpose of transacting the business of the association and for the inspiration of member churches in the support of the cause of missions.

Section 2. Upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Moderator shall call special meetings of the association when necessary with adequate notice to all member churches.

Section 3. Meetings of the association organizations, i.e., Sunday School, Baptist Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood, shall be held during the associational year under the leadership of the associational officers. The purpose of these meetings shall be the promotion of the missionary enterprise through the work of the individual organizations.

Article VI. OFFICERS

The officers of the association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Historian, Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, W. M. U. President, Brotherhood President, Director of Music, three Trustees, and Publicity Chairman.

Article VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

The standing committees of the association shall be as follows: Executive, Nominating, Program, Membership, Resolutions, Extension, Finance, Time and Place, Christian Life, and Evangelism.

Article VIII. AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended on the first day of the annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the messengers present provided that such amendment, alteration or repeal shall have been presented in writing at the previous annual meeting.

BY-LAWS

Article I. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Application from Missionary Baptist Churches desiring membership in the association shall be in the hands of the membership committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting. This committee shall report on the first day of the annual meeting. Messengers of the applying churches may be seated upon its acceptance into the membership of the association by two-thirds majority vote.

Section 2. Member churches, at the close of the associational year, shall send annually to the association a report relative to the location, dates of preaching, membership, baptisms, revivals and other information. Forms for the gathering of this information will be furnished by the clerk of the association.

Article II. MEETINGS

Section 1. The annual meeting of the association shall be held on Thursday and Friday following the third Sunday in October.

Section 2. The association year shall close on September 30.

Section 3. Reports to the annual meeting of the association, with the exception of the report of the Executive Committee, shall be limited to 300 words.

Section 4. Parliamentary procedure of all meetings of the association and its Executive Committee shall be in accordance with Kerfoot's "Parliamentary Practice."

Section 5. Business sessions of the association shall be composed of messengers from the member churches. Each member church shall send three messengers for the first 100 members of the church and one messenger for each additional 100 members or major fraction thereof.

Article III. ELECTION AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers of the association shall be elected by majority vote. The Moderator and Vice-Moderator shall be nominated from the floor. Other officers

shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. Nominations by the Nominating Committee, however, shall not preclude nominations from the floor. All officers shall assume their duties at the close of the annual meeting. Vacancies occurring between meetings of the association shall be filled by the Executive Committee upon nomination from the Nominating Committee.

Section 2. The Moderator shall preside over the annual meetings of the association and all meetings of the Executive Committee. He may, by fraternal visitation, counsel and advise with the churches regarding the work of the association during the year. He shall not be eligible to succeed himself after the third successive term. He is ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 3. The Vice-Moderator shall assist the Moderator in ways designated by the Moderator.

Section 4. The Clerk shall keep all records of the association, distribute report blanks to the clerks of member churches, make accurate record of the proceedings of the body in session, and prepare and issue the minutes as soon as possible after the annual meeting of the association. He shall also serve as Clerk of the Executive Committee.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall receive, deposit and disburse all funds of the association as designated by the association or its Executive Committee. He shall report quarterly to the Executive Committee and present an audited report as the annual meeting of the Association. The Treasurer shall calculate the quota of each church in the support of the budget according to the financial plan of the association and notify member churches as to the amount of their quota.

Section 6. The Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, W. M. U. President and Brotherhood President shall promote the work of their respective organizations, lead educational and inspirational meetings for their organizations, and encourage the organization of new units in the member churches of the association.

Section 7. The Director of Music shall assist in developing better music in member churches. He shall be responsible for the music at all meetings of the association and its Executive Committee; leading the music, providing accompaniment and arranging for special music.

Section 8. The Trustees shall be the legal representatives of the association in all matters relating to law, sign all legal documents as directed by the association and/or the Executive Committee. They shall have the power, under instructions of the association and/or the Executive Committee, to hold, buy, sell and convey property, both real and personal and to sign all papers necessary for the purchase of conveyance. The Trustees shall administer the Scholarship fund.

Section 9. The Historian shall record as a part of the permanent record of the association those facts and events that are of historical value to the association.

Article IV. ELECTION AND DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. All standing committees of the association, with the exception of the Executive Committee, shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the messengers present at the annual meeting. All standing committees, with the ex-

ception of the Executive and Nominating Committees, shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee, shall be nominated from the floor.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Association, and the pastor and one layman from each church of the association. The officers of the association shall be the officers of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once quarterly on Friday following the fourth Sunday of the second month of each quarter. The duty of the Executive Committee shall be to conduct the affairs of the association between its annual meetings. It shall supervise the work of the standing committees of the association and be empowered to appoint such other temporary committees as are necessary for the effective carrying out of the work of the association.

Section 3. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members. It shall nominate the officers of the association, with the exception of the Executive and Nominating Committees.

Section 4. The Program Committee shall consist of five members, including the host pastor or pastors and associational Director of Music. This committee shall prepare and distribute to member churches a copy of the suggested program for the annual meeting at least 30 days before the meeting.

Section 5. The Membership Committee shall consist of five members. It shall receive and consider all petitionary letters regarding churches seeking membership in the association. It shall investigate and make recommendations concerning any complaints relative to the fellowship and cooperation of member churches.

Section 6. The Resolutions Committee shall consist of five members. It shall draft all resolutions directed to it and others as it deems wise.

Section 7. The Extension Committee shall consist of five members. The work of this committee shall be to discover places for mission churches.

Section 8. The Finance Committee shall consist of four members and the Treasurer as ex-officio chairman. This committee shall prepare a proposed budget for the association. It shall also recommend a financial plan for subscribing the budget.

Section 9. The Place and Preacher Committee shall consist of five members. It shall receive invitations and recommend places for the annual meeting of the association. It also shall recommend a preacher and an alternate for the annual sermon.

Section 10. The Christian Life Committee shall consist of five members. It shall keep abreast of the moral level of the life of the community. It shall lead the association in Christian conduct, cooperating with other groups, such as, The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, The Allied Church League, the Citizens' Committee for Good Government, working for the moral improvement of the Christian life of the community.

Article V. AMENDMENTS

The By-Laws may be altered or amended at any business session of the association by two-thirds vote of the messengers present provided that a minimum of 30 days' notice have been given to each of the member churches.

Proceedings

THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

October 23, 1958

Thursday Morning

Viewmont Church

1. The third annual session of Theron Rankin Baptist Association convened with the Viewmont Church. Fred A. Lane directed the singing of "O Worship the King" and "Come, Thou Almighty King." Mrs. Ralph Kendall was at the organ. E. F. Sullivan read from Isaiah 53 and led in prayer.

2. The Moderator, Fritz D. Hemphill, announced the third session convened for the transaction of business. On motion it was voted that those having already registered or those who will register as messengers will constitute the third annual session.

3. The host pastor, Albert A. Young, extended a welcome to messengers and visitors. Also as program chairman, he presented the program for the sessions as printed and a motion was accepted to adopt this program with any necessary changes.

PROGRAM

Viewmont

Thursday Morning

10:00—Praise, Scripture, Prayer.....E. F. Sullivan

10:15—Organization, Committees, Business, etc.

10:35—Our World Mission Program

Christian Education—James Helvey

Christian Literature—Matt L. Hastings

Ministers Retirement—V. C. Martin

Baptist Hospital—George G. Flowers

Children's Home—Ted L. Starnes

Home For The Aging—Mrs. W. T. Stevenson

Address:.....O. J. Hagler, Raleigh

11:35—Hymn

11:40—Brotherhood Report.....Robert Rhoney
Message

11:55—Annual Sermon.....James R. Helvey
Alternate.....L. V. Connell

12:30—Lunch

Thursday Afternoon

1:45—Praise, Scripture, Prayer.....B. A. Cooper

- 2:00—Sunday School Report.....T. W. Nelson
 Message.....Jack Bagwell, Raleigh
- 2:25—Business Session
 Reports: Treasurer, Trustees, Budget Committee, Clerk, Executive Com-
 mittee, Extension Committee.
- 3:00—Evangelism.....B. R. Holbrook
 Address.....Julian Hopkins, Raleigh
- 3:30—Adjourn

Thursday Evening

- 7:15—Praise, Scripture, Prayer.....G. Othell Hand
 Special Music by Association Choir
- 7:30—Music Report.....Hendley Ellington
- 7:40—W. M. U. Report.....Mrs. B. R. Holbrook
- 8:00—Special Music.....Associational Choir
- 8:10—Foreign Missions Report.....Mrs. L. P. Frans
 Address.....Keener Pharr, Charlotte
- 8:45—Adjourn

October 24, 1958

Friday Morning

Providence Church

- 9:45—Praise, Scripture, Prayer.....Thomas Atnip
- 10:00—Training Union Report.....W. E. Melvin
 Message
- 10:25—Hymn
- 10:30—Business Session
 Reports: Place, Preacher Committee, Nominating Committee, Historian,
 Resolution Committee, Election of Officers.
- 10:50—Report American Bible Society.....J. D. Compton
- 11:00—Hymn
- 11:05—Home Mission Report.....William S. Elliott
- 11:15—Memorial Service.....J. Howard Cates
- 11:25—Miscellaneous Period
- 11:35—Hymn
- 11:40—Christian Life Committee.....James Helvey
 Address.....Carl Hemphill, Thomasville
- 12:05—State Missions.....Albert A. Young
 Address.....E. C. Upchurch, Raleigh
- 12:30—Lunch
 Adjourn

4. The new pastors and full-time workers who have come into the association since the last annual session were presented. They are: R. G. Short, Thomas Atnip, R. L. Ball and David O. Byler. Attention was called that Dr. G. Othell Hand, Paul Kercher and Alex F. Hegenbart were unable to be present at that particular time.

Visitors from outside the association were recognized.

5. A new plan of presenting reports (Our World Mission Program) for the various agencies and institutions was used with a mimeographed book of reports being given to each messenger. Five minutes was given to each section with these speaking: Christian Education: Harvey Lance, Mars Hill; Christian Literature: C. W. Bazemore, Raleigh; Ministers Retirement: V. C. Martin, Hickory; Baptist Hospital: Dr. W. K. McGee, Winston-Salem; Children's Homes: Marse Grant, Thomasville; and Homes for the Aging: Charles Burchette, Albemarle. During the remaining time O. J. Hagler, Raleigh, presented a message urging us to let the people in our local churches know what the cooperative program is so that they may better understand what we are doing. A demonstration was given using people from the congregation showing how the cooperative program dollar is divided.

6. Following the singing of the Hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign," Robert Rhoney, retiring Brotherhood president, presented the new president, Wayne DeHart. Victor Jones of the North Carolina Layman's Witnessing Foundation, was presented and brought a message.

7. A motion was adopted to adopt the reports that have been presented as printed in the book of reports.

8. V. H. White reported enrollment as 142 messengers and 74 visitors. All churches except two being represented.

9. Albert A Young made an announcement concerning the lunch to be served at the close of the morning session.

10. Following the singing of the Hymn, "Living For Jesus," L. Vernon Connell read from Matthew 7:10-23; Acts 1:1-8, 2:1-4; John 3:10-18. The annual sermon was brought by James Helvey, Jr.

11. A bountiful meal was served by the host church at the noon hour.

Thursday Afternoon

12. The Hymns, "Serve the Lord With Gladness" and "Love Lifted Me" were sung. B. A. Cooper read from Ephesians 1 and led in prayer.

13. T. W. Nelson was recognized for the Sunday School report. He presented Jack Bagwell from our State Sunday School department who brought a message.

14. Mr. Lawson brought greetings from Gardner-Webb College.

15. Heath Marsh, Treasurer, presented his report as treasurer and the Finance Committee report. These were adopted. The Budget was presented and adopted.

16. The Trustees' report was adopted as presented by R. T. Boatwright in the absence of T. P. Pruitt who is ill.

17. The report of the Clerk as printed in the book of reports was adopted.

18. The following report as brought by Membership Committee was adopted:

"It is the considered opinion of the Membership Committee that fellowship of the Association be withdrawn from the Conover Baptist Church."

19. The Executive Committee report was adopted.

20. The Extension Committee report as presented by the Chairman, O. Jack Murphy, was replaced by a substitute motion made by James Helvey and seconded by Othell Hand to withhold action until the 10:30 business on Friday.

21. The Evangelism report was adopted as presented in the book of reports. B. R. Holbrook presented Julian Hopkins who brought a message on evangelism.

22. The moderator appointed Thomas Atnip as chairman of the Place and Preacher Committee and William E. Melvin a member of this committee to replace members of the committee who have moved away.

23. The closing prayer was led by William S. Elliott.

Thursday Evening

24. With Hendley Ellington directing the singing and George Davis at the organ, "Christ For the Whole, Wide World" and "Jesus Shall Reign" were sung opening the evening session. C. L. Pickler read from Romans 3 and led in prayer.

25. The moderator displayed the teak wood gavel made in China and presented to our association in 1957 by Mrs. M. Theron Rankin and friends from China.

26. The associational choir under the direction of David O. Byler sang "The Son of God Goes Forth to War."

27. Hendley Ellington spoke to the music report. The report was adopted as printed.

28. V. H. White announced enrollment as 167 messengers and 220 visitors.

29. Mrs. B. R. Holbrook recognized 3 Honor Y. W. A. organizations: Hickory, First, Newton, First and Viewmont and these Honor GA organizations: Hickory, First, Temple, Hildebran, First, Penelope, West Hickory and Newton, First. The W. M. U. report was adopted as printed.

30. The associational choir sang "The Great Commission."

31. The Foreign Mission report was adopted as printed with Mrs. L. P. Frans speaking.

32. J. Howard Cates presented Keener Pharr, Minister of Education of Charlotte, First Church who brought an inspiring message on the 30,000 Movement in our Southern Baptist Convention.

33. J. Louis Price led the closing prayer.

Friday Morning

October 24, 1958

Providence Church

34. The Friday session convened at Providence Church with Harry E. Forbes who came recently to Newton First Church as Minister of Music and Education directing the singing and Alex F. Hegenbart at the piano. The Hymns, "O For A Thousand Tongues" and "Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us" were sung. Thomas Atnip read scripture and led in prayer.

35. M. L. Ross, host pastor extended a welcome.
36. The Training Union report was given by William E. Melvin and was adopted as printed.
37. The Hymn, "I Am Thine, O Lord" was sung.
38. A motion that we bring the Baptist Hour Program as broadcast on WHKY to the Executive Committee with power to change schedule if they feel wise was adopted.
39. During the business session the report of the Extension Committee was brought again to the body. After much discussion and several extensions of time it was decided by a majority vote that we refer the report of the Extension Committee back to the Executive Committee and that the churches involved (namely, Viewmont and North Newton) be taken into consideration before any further action be taken.
40. The Place and Preacher Committee brought the following report: First Day: Catawba; Second Day: East Hickory; Annual sermon: B. R. Holbrook, alternate: T. W. Nelson.
41. The nominating committee report was adopted as presented.
42. A motion that Fritz D. Hemphill serve as the Director of the 1959 Central Training School was adopted.
43. The Historian report was adopted as presented in the book of reports.
44. The following recommendation of the Membership Committee was adopted: "The Membership Committee has agreed and recommends that the Grace Baptist Church be kept under the watchcare of our Association."
45. The Moderator appointed these as Youth Activities Committee: R. Paul Kercher, Chmn., W. S. Elliott, W. E. Melvin, Harry Forbes, Dwight Robinson.
46. The following officers were elected from the floor: Moderator: J. Howard Cates by acclamation; Vice-Moderator: B. A. Cooper by acclamation.
47. The nominating committee was elected by nominations from the floor: Fritz D. Hemphill, Dr. G. Othell Hand, T. W. Nelson, James Wilder, William S. Elliott.
48. The American Bible Society report was adopted as printed.
49. The Home Mission report was adopted as printed.
50. J. Howard Cates conducted the memorial service with Fred Lane, violinist and Alex F. Hegenbart, pianist, assisting.
51. A motion was adopted that at the close of the session we have prayer for Thomas P. Pruitt and his family in his time of severe illness and that the moderator send a letter to him.
52. A standing vote of thanks was given the retiring moderator, Fritz D. Hemphill.
53. No written report was given on Christian Life. James Helvey spoke briefly and introduced Carl Hemphill from Thomasville who brought a message.
54. The State Missions report was adopted with E. C. Upchurch bringing a message.

55. The Resolutions committee chairman, C. L. Pickler presented their report which was adopted.

56. It was announced that the Executive Committee would meet on November 18th.

57. By motion Fred Lane was elected to fill a vacancy on the program committee.

58. J. Howard Cates led the closing prayer in which Mr. Pruitt was remembered.

59. A bountiful lunch was served by the host church.

REPORTS

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

MATT L. HASTINGS

The contacts, impressions and surroundings of a person largely makes up his mind, habits and actions. Even a worm takes on the color of the plant or leaf on which it feeds. Human beings take on the color and nature of what they read. Never before has there been so much to read. Publishers have dressed up their wares in rainbow colors and used every style, trick and art of printing to make their publications look tempting to the eyes of young and old. Much of this popular literature is bad. It pours like a stream of poison from the presses of profit-hungry publishers. It loads down the newsstands and clogs the mail-boxes of all who will buy and receive it. Much of this unclean reading matter gets into Baptist homes. This should never be, for no other denomination has so wide a variety of good Christian literature as Baptists have to meet the spiritual interests and needs of every member of the family.

How much sound, clean Christian literature comes into your home each week to lift up, inspire and enrich the minds and hearts of your family? Is your Baptist state paper coming by mail into your home each week? Is your mail-box getting only that which is good and wholesome to read? Is your reading table a silent witness to your Baptist faith and practice, or is it cluttered with much that carries the seeds of evil on the printed page? Do you always remember that Christian literature aims to enlist, unify, teach and inspire the people for nobler Christian service?

We have in our state the *Biblical Recorder* that will keep us in touch with the full denominational program. We have the *Charity and Children*, *The Commission* and *Southern Baptist Home Missions* as well as magazines for all our mission organizations. The *Home Life* magazine should be in every home; it is written to be of interest to every age.

MINISTERS RETIREMENT

V. C. MARTIN

Since its organization 40 years ago, the Relief and Annuity Board has paid out benefits totaling nearly \$27 million. In 1957 \$2,245,861.18 in benefits was received by more than 5,000 retired or disabled ministers and denominational leaders and widows.

At the close of 1957, there were approximately 17,500 active members in the Board's various retirement plans. During the year, membership in the plans increased by 2,454.

Each year continues to show an increase in the number of retirements, disability and widow annuities. Last year 503 persons were added to the Board's annuity roll, 136 more than the previous year.

Mailing of *The Years Ahead*, the Board's official publication was increased to 30,000 in February 1957.

Presently only 34% of our Southern Baptist ministers are enrolled in the

Annuity Board's protection program. The Board's Promotion Department is constantly working to enlist others in this vital program.

Out of the approximately 11,000 Southern Baptist churches now participating with their pastor in this protection program, around 36% are paying both member and church dues. It is hoped that other churches will give this matter some serious thought.

Membership in the North Carolina Ministers Retirement Plan has decreased since the Plan was closed to new members January 1, 1956 when the Southern Baptist Protection Plan became operative in our state. Total membership in both Plans now stands at 1,026. This is about 35% of our possibilities.

For further information write Ottis J. Hagler, Baptist Building, Raleigh, N. C.

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Our Baptist Hospital provides a well-rounded program of specialized medical care not available in the average local hospital. It provides also specialized training medicine, surgery, nursing and pastoral care.

Last year our hospital provided bed care for 16,000 patients. Over 120,000 visited the out-patient clinic, medical staff and chaplains. Our hospital gave more than \$500,000 worth of free care to service patients. All service patients pay what they can, and our Mother's Day Offering is used to help make up the difference. This fund is used only when the need is urgent and when the patient is unable to pay. The demand upon our Mother's Day fund is so great that we must increase our gifts this year if we are to really minister to the need of our day. Our gifts for this purpose has increased by 20% in past five years but it has not kept pace with the need.

We believe that the Baptists of North Carolina will rise to meet the need of worthy patients if they can realize how urgently they need it. Our Hospital has a moving picture film and also slides that can be used by any church to portray the need. Assistance will be gladly given in arranging for the showing in your church. Contact the hospital, inform the people and they will respond with a generous gift. Surely every one of our churches in this association will have a part in healing humanity's hurt. There is no more worthy cause in our state and we should rise to meet this need with all the facilities at our command.

CHILDREN'S HOMES

TED T. STARNES

Our Baptist Children's Homes have concluded another fruitful year in the ministry of North Carolina Baptists. In the past year our two homes, Kennedy Home and Mills Home have served 750 children and have placed 200 with relatives and other agencies. There has been an increase of admittance of from one-fifth of applicants to one-fourth. With this increase our homes only provided admittance to about one-fourth of the total applicants!

With the above in mind surely we can only have one watchword for this associational year. This *watchword* is *expansion* in our ministry to the needy children of North Carolina. Plans are on the agenda for a cottage for boys at Mills Home and one for girls at Kennedy Home. The Odum Home at Pembroke is now our responsibility also, so we must expand our work. What must we ex-

pand first? Our faith, not only in our Christ but in the children of North Carolina.

With most every act of progress and success there is a price to pay. We have a great challenge to progress and succeed through this ministry to children. What is it going to cost us? 1. Dedication, 2. Prayer, 3. Cooperation, 4. Money. We have only two sources of finance for our homes: 1. Cooperative Program which is a fixed amount, 2. our Thanksgiving Offering which we can fix to include our prayers and cooperation and dedication to the task. We have all of the necessary potential to advance our present program. Do we have the vision? Yes, I'm sure we do and with our combined efforts we can give shelter, security and the gospel of our Christ to the needy children of North Carolina. Remember to give thanks every day and give to our children on Thanksgiving Day.

HOMES FOR AGING

MRS. W. T. STEVENSON

The Homes for the Aging are in their eighth year of operation—Resthaven, the Albemarle Home, and the Administration Building in Winston-Salem. Our three Homes have facilities for 119, counting residents and helpers. Average number of residents will exceed 100.

Efforts were begun in June to raise \$100,000.00 to match a gift of Mr. Don G. Matthews, Sr., of \$50,000.00 and land on which to build our fourth Home located at Hamilton, Martin County. It is hoped construction will begin this year. This Home will care for forty, giving us a total capacity for all four Homes of 150 persons.

A large number of the residents are aided financially but less than ten percent have given sufficiently to pay their cost of keep for life. Thirteen pay the monthly rate, which is less than actual cost to the Homes. Most are paying one-third to one-half of their keep. This means that the difference in cost is taken from funds received from denominational channels and special gifts.

However, the Homes had a good year financially, showing an income last year of \$258,924.58. Of the \$103,000.00 borrowed for the new Administration Building, all but \$20,000.00 has been repaid. Largest individual gift for the year was \$40,000.00.

Our program of ministering to the aging presents a great challenge to the 850,000 Baptists of our State. It is estimated that elderly people will become invalids at the rate of ten per cent annually. They must look to our Baptist constituency to meet their needs.

With gratitude to all who have made our present Homes possible, churches, individuals, and corporations, and with confidence that the Baptists of North Carolina will continue to care for these "old soldiers" of Christ in a deserving way, we look to the future with great hope.

BROTHERHOOD

ROBERT E. RHONEY

The men of the Theron Rankin Associational Brotherhood have been active during the past year. At least one new brotherhood has been organized.

In the four associational meetings, we have had some very good programs.

Out of one of these meetings rose the motion for a simultaneous Laymen led Revival.

Through the means of these Laymen led Revivals, the men of the Theron Rankin Associational Brotherhood have had a spiritual awakening that they have never before experienced. The men have found the one thing that can cleanse their life and give them a closer walk with God—personal testimonies through personal witnessing to the lost.

To the men of the Brotherhood comes this challenge, "To present ourselves a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service." And to follow Christ's command "to witness for Him."

To the pastors of the Theron Rankin Association it presents this challenge. "To fan the fires that have been kindled among your men for personal witness through your prayers, encouragement, full support of the Brotherhood, and thereby broaden your ministry through this new, yet old, method of reaching the lost people in your community for Christ."

SUNDAY SCHOOL

T. W. NELSON

It is with heartfelt gratitude that we come to make this annual report to the association. On behalf of the entire staff of associational officers, let me pledge our faithfulness to the ideal that our task is one of service. Our only purpose is to help the churches through proper use of their Sunday Schools to reach the lost for Christ and lead the saved to acknowledge the Lordship of Christ in daily living.

This year's report is very encouraging. Our association is reporting 29 churches and 30 Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 11,192. Achievements this past year include the following: 17 churches observed January Bible Study, 25 Vacation Bible Schools were held, 27 churches reported 2,424 training awards with many of the churches reporting the "Operation Home Study" plan. 6 Sunday Schools achieved the Standard of Excellence: namely, East Hickory, North Newton, Penelope, Sandy Ridge, Viewmont and West Hickory.

We would like to suggest the following goals for 1958-59:

1. That we adopt for this year the theme, "That They Might Have Life."
2. That the Sunday School leadership of each church be urged to:
Start a least one new Sunday School.
Provide a training program which would include January Bible Study, Preparation Week and "Operation Home Study."
Move up the pattern of organization by starting new classes and departments.
3. That all Sunday School workers be encouraged to participate in the regular Associational Sunday School meetings which are held on Fifth Sunday afternoons.

Please mark your calendar to this effect.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

H. B. MARSH

The finance Committee has approved a larger budget for the coming year than we have had for any previous year. Items which have been added to the budget include Youth Work, Laymen's Revivals and Music. Items substantially increased include Woman's Missionary Union, Printing & Postage and Revivals. The Committee feels that the W. M. U. is probably giving a greater service for the amount of money allotted than any organization in the association.

Even though there is a direct need for certain mission churches in the association, the committee thinks that church budgets in general should be greatly increased and expanded. It could be that the Association Executive Committee might think it wise to select a Budget Planning Committee for the Association. This Committee would assist churches in planning Budgets as well as giving advice on how to raise the amount entered in the budget.

Church budgets cannot be properly planned and raised unless the congregation understands thoroughly that church fund raising is a spiritual task and the leadership of the Holy Spirit will be given as in any similar endeavor, such as evangelism, missions, soul-winning and Christian education. Stewardship is a spiritual surrender; it is the practice of the Christian religion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

October 11, 1957 through September 30, 1958

Church	Contributions All Causes	Budget 1958-59
Brookford	\$ 90.00	\$ 100.00
Catawba	132.00	156.00
Claremont	30.15	36.00
Conover		
Corinth	120.00	120.00
Hickory, Calvary	3.00	150.00
Community		72.00
East Hickory	183.04	240.00
First Hickory	1,140.00	1,500.00
Highland	540.00	720.00
Longview	90.00	120.00
Oakland Heights	42.00	90.00
Penelope	352.11	780.00
Springs Road	28.00	36.00
Temple	88.46	240.00
Viewmont	550.00	800.00
West Hickory	600.00	800.00
Hildebran	300.00	396.00
Icard	144.00	156.00
Mountain Grove	120.00	204.00
Newton, First	540.00	780.00
North Newton	192.00	228.00

Church	Contributions All Causes	Budget 1958-59
Oyama		
Providence	90.00	132.00
Sandy Ridge	132.00	204.00
Startown	24.00	24.00
Sweetwater	70.00	60.00
Warlick's	50.00	240.00
Wayside	60.00	60.00
Total	<u>\$5,710.76</u>	<u>\$8,444.00</u>
Misc. Receipts	1,399.70	
Bal. in Bank 10/11/57	3,369.28	
Total		<u>\$10,479.74</u>

DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET

	Disbursements	Budget 1958-59
Sunday School	\$ 196.85	\$ 150.00
Training Union	34.82	200.00
Woman's Missionary Union	150.00	250.00
Printing & Postage	134.95	300.00
The Baptist Hour	864.00	936.00
Churches Entertaining Assn.	250.00	250.00
BSU Lenoir Rhyne	182.30	200.00
Scholarship		700.00
Minutes	485.00	500.00
Clerk	200.00	250.00
Treasurer	50.00	50.00
Central Training School	501.53	525.00
Revivals	707.65	1,500.00
Youth Work		200.00
Laymen's Revivals		200.00
Music		200.00
Direct Missions	500.00	1,783.00
Miscellaneous	199.11	250.00
Totals	<u>\$4,456.21</u>	<u>\$8,444.00</u>
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Bal. in Bank 9/30/58		<u>\$6,023.53</u>

REPORT OF TRUSTEES

R. T. BOATWRIGHT

No scholarship was granted during the school year 1956-57 due to a lack of applications. However, \$350.00 was set up in the budget for that year and as no scholarship was granted this sum was carried over into the year 1957-58.

With the \$350.00 set up in the 1957-58 budget two scholarships have been granted. One to Miss Loretta Duncan of the First Church, Hickory who is

attending Mars Hill College and one to Joe Hester of First Church, Newton, who is attending Gardner-Webb College at Boiling Springs, N. C.

These Qualifications for a scholarship are being set up:

1. The student receiving a scholarship shall be a member of a Baptist Church in good standing in the Theron Rankin Baptist Association.
2. A scholarship shall be granted for not more than two years to any one student and may be granted the second year on the condition that satisfactory work was completed the first year.
3. Either a boy or a girl shall be eligible for a scholarship.
4. The student receiving a scholarship shall attend a Baptist college.
5. Preference shall be given to the student planning to continue in some channel of Baptist denominational work.
6. Preference shall be given to the most needy and the most worthy student.
7. Consideration shall be given to records made in High School.
8. The Trustees shall have discretionary powers in the interpretation of the above suggested qualifications for a scholarship.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FRITZ D. HEMPHILL

Your Executive Committee has held five meetings during the year relative to the promotion of the work of the association. Much of what was done will be reported by the various committees charged with responsibility of the work done in specified fields. We note, however, the following:

1. Voted to invite the Sunday School Department of the Baptist State Convention to hold its annual Leadership Conference in Hickory in 1960.

2. Received request from the Oxford Church for assistance. After consultation with leaders in the church negotiations were completed whereby the Oxford Community Church was disbanded and became a mission of the Sandy Ridge Church.

3. Voted to designate \$3,000 of the money in the budget for some mission project in the association.

4. Endorsed the applications for aid from our Baptist State Convention for the following churches: Startown, Springs Road, Sweetwater, Claremont and Oyama.

5. Instructed the Membership Committee to confer with the Conover Church relative to their relationship to the association.

6. Approved the making of a survey to determine the number of Baptists in the town of Conover, north of Highway 70. West Hickory and Penelope Churches made this survey. Approved making similar survey in the area along highway 127 beyond the Viewmont church community and to the Catawba River. First Baptist Church, Hickory, will make this survey. Also approved Penelope Church making a similar survey in Longview in area near the Hickory Spinners Mill.

It is hoped that through the cooperation of all our pastors and churches that the work will continue to show progress in all phases of the work. This past year

has been one of many achievements and we are looking forward to the coming year for even greater victories.

REPORT OF EXTENSION COMMITTEE

O. JACK MURPHY

The call today comes for an enlarged Vision concerning World Missions. In our age when materialism is so dominant, when the sinfulness of sin is so prevailing, when lethargy and ease have made their overwhelming inroads, when the peace of the world hangs with a thread, we need to renew our vows with God as His children, and rededicate our lives to His purpose for His Church in the Great Commission.

To fulfill the purpose of our Lord we must be willing to Go—"Go into the highways and hedges, go into all the world"—begin in the community where you live, but go out and make disciples, baptize, and teach them.

Early Christianity began on a small scale with reference to numbers, but by going from place to place, and establishing churches and mission points, the Roman world was shaken by these followers of Christ and the course of the world was changed.

We need not despair today; if we fulfill the commission of our Lord—we must go and tell of Him. Our Association has a glorious opportunity and privilege to fulfill this commission now. We have strategic areas in which preaching and teaching stations should be now—even at this moment. Surveys are revealing facts of glorious opportunities for us.

Your committee is in the midst of plans for surveys in Viewmont area and in the Mill Village of Longview. A survey has just been completed in the town of Conover. It is our hope that we may announce at an early date Mission Points in these areas.

The word of God is not bound, neither are the opportunities for witnessing for Christ. We beseech our people and our Pastors to join our efforts in answering the call of our Saviour—"Go ye into all the world and make disciples."

EVANGELISM

B. R. HOLBROOK

"The gospel is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." Evangelism is God's means of spreading this gospel unto the far ends of the earth; "That whosoever believeth should not perish, but have everlasting life." Therefore, evangelism is the pulsating heart of God at work in the world, seeking to draw all men unto himself.

The Baptist Churches in North Carolina did not hit a high peak in this endeavor. The average of all the churches was 25-1 ratio in winning the lost. That is, it took on an average, 25 Baptists to win one sinner to Christ in 1957. This is a slight increase over the previous year. Total baptisms in 1956 were 32,468 and in 1957 we baptized 33,796.

In the Theron Rankin Association our ratio was 22-1 last year. We had 30 churches of 10,683 members and we only baptized 468. We had one church with 237 members that baptized 34 for a very good ratio of 6-1. We had another

with a membership of 279 that baptized 23, or 12-1. A few of the larger churches hit a high, as 30-1, 63-1. We had 3 churches that only had 3 baptisms and 2 churches that did not baptize a single person. We feel confident that that score will not show this year and hope and pray that it shall never be so again.

What are we doing to better these marks? First, these figures have stirred us into a consciousness of our past and present conditions. Evangelism is being talked in most every Pastor's Conference. Our Brotherhood's are becoming more soul-winning conscious. Our W. M. U. is laying emphasis more and more on this work. From March 30-April 6 we had an Associational Simultaneous Revival. 24 churches participated in this movement. A total of 236 additions were recorded, 177 by baptism, 55 by letter and 4 by statement. Plans are now in process for another one to be held March 15-29, 1959. A Layman's Week-end Revival was held October 10-12. Twelve churches participated.

Next year we face one of the greatest opportunities Southern Baptist Churches have ever seen. There is to be a continent-wide Simultaneous Crusade. This will be the greatest concerted effort ever made to win North America for Christ. Seven major Baptist Conventions in the United States and Canada are participating. These Conventions are composed of 75,000 churches which have 19,000,000 members. Let us all remember the date, March 15-29, 1959. Let us all lead our churches into this great and glorious movement for our Lord.

MUSIC REPORT

HENDLEY ELLINGTON

The singing of praise to God with worshipful music results in spiritual growth. Singing is a natural expression of man toward God which finds its rightful place in our worship of Him. Your music organization exists to aid in developing this talent for expression through the universal language—music.

Your Music Education Committee has held quarterly meetings to plan the music activities of the association. The response of the churches has shown their eagerness to participate.

These activities have been:

(1) Associational choir for Central Training School in February at First Church, Hickory. Enrollment 123. Average attendance 78 for four rehearsals and five school assemblies. The school was closed with a worship service in song featuring the choir.

(2) Associational Music Training School in April at West Hickory Church, Enrollment 396. Average attendance 274. Seven courses were offered. Two choirs rehearsed each night, one composed of Intermediates, Young People and Adults, the other Juniors. These choirs presented a song service at the close of the school.

(3) Associational Hymn Sing in September at Penelope Church. Seventeen churches were represented with a total attendance of 183.

Music emphasis in our churches has increased during the past year. Four of our churches now have full time staff members who are ministers of music. Excellent work is being done by part-time music directors and graded choir work is being enlarged. A large number of our churches observed September as Church Music Month.

Our association was represented at the Regional Music Festival in Lenoir and the State Music Festival at Wake Forest by choirs from three churches.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION REPORT

MRS. B. R. HOLBROOK

“Laborers together with God” (I Cor. 3:9)

When the Woman's Missionary Union take their watchword and truly work together great things can be accomplished for God. Reports have been both good and gratifying this year as we have seen our work grow by the quarter. Twelve new organizations have been reported along with a good increase in membership.

Two banquets have been held during the year by the Business Woman's Federation with good attendance and outstanding missionary speakers. The Girl's Auxiliary and Young Woman's Auxiliary have held rallies, during their focus weeks, with high attendance records. Leadership Training courses have also been taught for these auxiliary counselors. We have reported eight “HONOR” G. A.'s and three “HONOR” Y. W. A.'s

The new year brings our “Third Jubilee Advance Goals” with many new opportunities open to our organizations. As we “Labor together with God” let us not lose sight of our “Aims for Advancement” and strive to be an “HONOR” W. M. U.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

MRS. L. P. FRANS

Dr. Baker James Cauthen in his report on Foreign Missions says, “No statistical table can adequately describe the achievements of the world mission enterprise. Seeds have been sown, light has been made to shine in the darkness, human suffering has been relieved, and teaching has been imparted. Many of the glorious victories which have been won cannot be described in any written report.”

There is every indication that the Board's appointment goal of 130 new missionaries during 1958 will be achieved. There is much reason to be encouraged as we see greatly increased missionary concern among Southern Baptists. The response of volunteers for missionary service this year has been most gratifying.

The Foreign Mission Board looks to the Cooperative Program to provide financial reinforcement. This provision must be made through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. It is because the Cooperative Program has been able for the last 10 years to provide this kind of solid reinforcement that advance has been possible.

Active missionaries in service under the Foreign Mission Board December 31, 1957 numbered 1,186, a gain of 73 during the year. Missionaries live in 39 Countries.

A new administration building was completed for the Korean Seminary; a new building was opened on the seminary campus at Barcelona, Spain; an apartment building for married students was begun for the South Brazil Seminary; a building for the seminary in Guatemala was begun on property on the outskirts of the capital; Hong Kong Seminary moved into new quarters; a new location on the outskirts of Taipei was purchased for the Formosa seminary.

Medical centers are operated by missions in 19 countries, with hospitals in 10 of them. The other 9 have clinics or dispensaries.

Receipts of the Foreign Mission Board totaled \$14,353,009.

Southern Baptists are urged by the Foreign Mission Board to pray that long range advance may be possible. This is possible only through renewed spiritual power as every church, through intercessory prayer, shares in a worldwide task.

TRAINING UNION

WILLIAM E. MELVIN

While the number of churches with a Training Union remains constant the enrollment and average attendance have had an increase. Claremont Church has had a complete reorganization and increased its total membership by 16 members. Warlick's Church has more than doubled its membership with 127 enrolled this year.

Other Churches with a considerable increase in membership are Longview, Sandy Ridge, Mountain Grove, Newton, First, East Hickory and Hickory, First, which has also a considerable climb in average attendance. Sandy Ridge reports for the second year the highest average attendance, 81%.

The total number of Training Union awards by all the churches was 1,519, an increase of 339 over the previous year. Hickory, First continues to hold first place with Viewmont second. Longview has come into third place with 164. Next in order are East Hickory, Penelope, Sandy Ridge and Highland, North Newton, Oakland Heights, West Hickory and Mountain Grove are tied for the next position

"M" Night was not observed by our association. No associational tournaments were held. Youth Night was held at the First Church, Hickory with attendance of over 500. The Mars Hill College Glee Club brought the special music and Reverend Paul Kercher of Hickory, First delivered a challenging message to the youth. Twelve decisions were made for Christ at the close of the service with others being made in their home church the following Sunday.

No written report was received on the number of our people attending the Training Union assemblies, but indications are that attendance was good.

We are admonished in the Scriptures not to look backward but forward. We have nothing in which to glory save the opportunities for the coming year. His plan is so laid as to include the united efforts of all. Join with your director your spiritual hands in order for God's work to be done. The Master is "able," "willing" and "wanting" to pour out a greater blessing in the coming year.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

ALBERT A. YOUNG

It is the considered opinion of the Membership Committee that fellowship of the Association be withdrawn from the Conover Baptist Church.

The Membership Committee has agreed and recommends that the Grace Baptist Church be kept under the watchcare of our Association.

PLACE AND PREACHER COMMITTEE

THOMAS ATNIP

1959 Annual Session:

First Day: Catawba
Second Day: East Hickory
Annual Sermon: B. R. Holbrook
Alternate: T. W. Nelson

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

ALBERT A. YOUNG

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Brotherhood President—Wayne DeHart
Director of Music—David O. Byler

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HISTORICAL REPORT

J. D. GREENE

The Theron Rankin Association is just completing the third year of its life and has no rich background of past history but we note the following for the past year.

The Oxford Community Church was disbanded during the year and the work there is being carried on by the Sandy Ridge Church as a mission project.

R. L. Ball became pastor of Community Church and Thomas Atnip came to Claremont as pastor during the year. On February 1, 1958, Dr. G. Othell Hand became pastor of Hickory, First Church with Paul Kercher, associate pastor, Youth Work and David O. Byler, associate pastor, Music. Fred Lane came to Penelope as full time minister of music and education, June 1958. Harry E. Forbes became minister of music and education at First Church, Newton in June 1958. Larry Penley resigned as pastor of Startown Church and Miss Irene Covington resigned as educational director at Hickory, First, Alex F. Hegenbart became assistant to the pastor at West Hickory Church on January 1, 1958.

New ministers ordained in the association during the year included the following: Catawba: Robert William Morrow; Hickory, First: Eddie Crapps; Wayside: Roy A. Craig; West Hickory: Thomas Atnip and Alex F. Hegenbart.

Warlick's dedicated their new sanctuary on November 24, 1957 and Hickory, First put air conditioning in the sanctuary including offices and other space in the new building. Icard suffered a severe fire on December 31, 1957 and the congregation began worship in the new temporary sanctuary on March 4, 1958. Viewmont broke ground for a new sanctuary on September 21, 1958 and construction began on September 28th. Longview purchased ground for a new sanctuary and Penelope purchased $3\frac{3}{4}$ acres of land adjoining their property for future expansion.

The annual Central Training School for the association was held at Hickory, First on February 24-28, 1958 with the largest attendance ever. The enrollment was 1,688 with an average attendance for the five nights of 1,318. There were 1,238 awards earned.

An associational music school was conducted at West Hickory Church during April 1958. The attendance was very gratifying with the enrollment reaching 396 and average attendance of 274.

RESOLUTIONS

C. L. PICKLER

We the messengers of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association wish to express our grateful appreciation for the hospitality of Viewmont and Providence Churches for inviting us to meet with them and the abundant and delicious meals served.

We wish to thank the committee for the inspiring program and the time and effort spent in securing the good speakers and especially the good music rendered.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

J. D., COMPTON

Southern Baptist plans for the Baptist Jubilee Advance, 1959-1964, remind us that in every missionary advance the Bible goes forward first.

The Bible is a "must" in missions and evangelism. If the people of the world are to know Jesus Christ, the one hope of men and nations, they must have the Bible. It is the one basic source of knowledge of Him. The Bible is the missionary's chief tool; he uses it in all his work. The Bible itself is a missionary. It can go where the human missionary cannot go. It can stay when he must leave—and keep on speaking to a person's heart.

Every man must have the Bible in his own language, but in most countries the people cannot afford even the cost of printing the Scriptures.

The American Bible Society helps to translate the Bible, publishes without note or comment and distributes without profit, usually below cost, for worldwide mission work. For the Blind, it supplies Scriptures at a small fraction of cost in raised-letter systems and on Talking Book records. The Bible Society is an active partner of Southern Baptists and serves every form of Southern Baptist mission work at home and abroad.

During 1957 the American Bible Society—

Distributed throughout the world nearly 15 million volumes of Scriptures.

Donated more than one million Scripture volumes for distribution by Chaplains to our Armed Forces, as a vital link between the home churches and the men in service.

Southern Baptist Support the Work:

Because the Bible Society serves mission work—and because Southern Baptist missionaries depend on the Society for Scriptures they need for distribution to their people—Southern Baptist churches give to the American Bible Society.

In 1957 Southern Baptist Churches gave \$118,815 to the American Bible Society. As you make your budgets will you please include an item for the American Bible Society? Thirty churches in our association giving an average of twenty-five dollars would make possible a distribution of 3,000 New Testaments. Do you want the Word of God to go into all the world? Then include in your budget the American Bible Society. Send your offering to Dr. M. H. Huggins, Baptist Building, 301 Hillsboro Street, Raleigh, N. C.

HOME MISSIONS

WILLIAM S. ELLIOTT

The Home Mission Board has been blessed with continued growth and achievement during the past year. Several new fields of service were opened up during the year. Dr. Paul S. James was appointed as director of Southern Baptist Work in New York City; and plans are being made for the constitution of the First Southern Baptist Church in New York this year. C. C. Warren was selected as Director of the movement for 30,000 new preaching stations by 1964. The goal for new churches in 1958 is 2,888.

Evangelism: Last year the number of churches reporting no baptisms has been reduced to less than 5,000 churches. January 5, 1958 was designated as Personal Commitment Day to encourage personal soul-winning. Special emphasis was given to instruction in soul-winning during Home Missions week at Glorieta and Ridgecrest. Wholehearted cooperation is being given by state and Southern Baptist boards and other agencies in the promotion of the 1959 Evangelism Crusade. Simultaneous meetings are scheduled by zones during March 15-19 and April 12-26, 1959. Progress is being made in reducing the number of non-resident church members; 31.9 per cent of total membership was listed as non-resident in 1954 and 28.5 per cent was so listed in 1956.

Ministry to Special Groups: Much progress is being made in reaching neglected and minority groups. Work among the Migrants, Jews and Deaf has been expanded.

Personnel: The number of missionaries on December 31, 1957 was 1,271, a gain of 317.

Receipts for the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Offering totaled \$2,794,608.97 in 1954 and receipts from such sources reached \$4,106,934.94 in 1957.

Increasing Opportunities: Because of the greatly increased area served by Southern Baptists, the growth in population in the United States, the many changes in our social and economic order, the added demands created by the 30,000 movement, the 1959 Evangelistic Crusade, the Third Jubilee Movement and other significant advances in Baptist life, the challenge of the Home Mission Board has greatly increased.

STATE MISSIONS

ALBERT A. YOUNG

State Missions is the missionary effort on the part of North Carolina Baptists to reach the unsaved for our Lord and teach and enlist the saved in giving, living and serving through the churches of North Carolina and the world.

SOME PERTINENT FACTS:

There are 4,500,000 people in the state of North Carolina. About 2,100,000 of these above the age of eight years are affiliated with some kind of church. About 2,000,000 above the age of eight are unchurched. Perhaps 25 per cent of those who are church members are unsaved; if so, then more than 60 per cent of the people of North Carolina above eight years of age are lost. North Carolina, therefore, is not half Christian.

There are more than 846,000 Baptist church members in our state. Likely not more than 40 per cent of these are enlisted and are being taught and trained in Christian growth. This means that more than half of our church constituency is not dedicated to the Christian cause. In these two areas our churches have their primary challenge.

If more than half the populace of North Carolina is unsaved, it is imperative that we have a Department of Evangelism, which has as its purpose the salvation of the multitudes. We do have such a ministry.

State Missions helps provide new church sites, churches, and better trained pastors. A ministry to the colored people is vital as is our work with silent people. The Allied Church League helps produce a sober citizenship. Our Training Union, Sunday Schools, Brotherhoods, and Royal Ambassador work are all undergirded by State Missions. The needful act now is for us to heartily support State Missions.

THERON RANKIN ASSOCIATION

1958 Annual Meeting of W. M. U.

April 9, 1958

The annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union of Theron Rankin Association was held April 9, 1958 at Penelope Baptist Church of Hickory. The theme was "Ye Shall Be Witnesses."

Mrs. B. R. Holbrook of Hildebran, associational W. M. U. superintendent, presided.

The meeting was opened with the singing of "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations."

Mrs. Jeff Burns, Regional Associate superintendent led the devotions using as her topic "Women Witnesses." The scripture selections were from Matthew 26:6-13; John 4:39-42 and John 11:13, 16, 18.

Words of welcome were spoken by Rev. O. Jack Murphy, pastor of the host church, followed by a cordial welcome from the president of the W. M. U. of the church, Mrs. Robert Ledbetter.

Mrs. Fritz Hemphill made a motion to the effect that those registered constitute the voting body for the day.

A motion was made by Mrs. Howard Cates that the printed program be used as the order of service. Both motions were adopted.

Visitors and mesengers were welcomed by the superintendent, Mrs. Holbrook.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, the treasurer's report was given and adopted.

The following committees were appointed: Courtesy, Mrs. T. W. Nelson, Mrs. Lindsay Miller, Jr., and Mrs. G. W. DeHart. Nominating committee, Mrs. Robert Ledbetter, Hickory; Mrs. Larry Penley, Startown; Mrs. Harold Hewitt, Newton; Mrs. Olin Hefner, Icard and Mrs. William S. Elliott, Hickory. Time and Place, Mrs. L. V. Connell, Mrs. L. N. Phillips and Mrs. M. L. Ross.

In reviewing the year's work the superintendent reported one new society organized at Grace Baptist Church. The Honor organizations were recognized, Y.W.A.'s—Hickory First Church, Viewmont and Newton First. Intermediate G.A.'s—Newton First and Hickory First. Brief reports were given by the committee chairmen using the theme "The Work of Witnessing."

After the singing of the hymn "Lead On, O King Eternal" a very inspiring missionary message was brought by Miss Theresa Anderson, missionary to China and the Philippines. Miss Anderson used as her subject "His Kingdom Spread from Shore to Shore." To make Christ supreme in our lives as many on the mission fields do was her challenge. *Christ Supreme in Your Life and Mine.* Supreme—Christ the Highest Authority. Let Christ have complete right of way.

The afternoon session was opened by singing "Take My Life and Let It Be." Rev. E. F. Sullivan lead in prayer.

Reports of committees were given: The Courtesy committee gave a very appropriate skit. The 1959 meeting will be held at Viewmont Baptist Church. The list of officers were submitted by the Nominating committee. These were elected and a Prayer of Dedication led by Mrs. Jeff Burns.

A message in song was brought by Mrs. T. W. Nelson, "Seal Us."

Youth work was presented by the Youth Directors of the association after which Miss Beverly Neilson, State Sunbeam Band Director, brought a closing message on "The Winning Ways of Youth."

The meeting was closed with prayer.

In Memoriam

CATAWBA—Mrs. J. D. Gantt, Sr.

CORINTH—Mr. L. S. Stallings,
Mrs. C. O. Ritchie, Mrs. Eva
Shaw, Mr. C. B. Baker, Mr.
W. L. Whisnant

COMMUNITY—Mr. Raymond
Helton, Mrs. Jack Evan, Mr.
Danny Rhinehart

EAST HICKORY—Mr. Garland
Snipes, Mr. Willie Kilby

HICKORY, FIRST—Mrs. S. G.
Jones, Mrs. Cora Sparks, Mrs.
J. O. Shirley, Mr. Chester M.
Latta, Mr. A. F. White, Mr.
C. S. Stevenson, Mrs. W. H. In-
gold, Mr. G. A. Thomason, Mr.
J. O. Shirley, Mr. T. E. Odom

HIGHLAND—Mrs. G. W. Granger,
Mr. Walter Teague, Mr. John
Frye, Mr. Richard Sigmon, Mrs.
H. A. Ball, Mrs. Eddie Wool-
ridge, Mrs. A. Guy Hoke

LONGVIEW—Mrs. Ransom Crump,
Mrs. Baxter Hawkins

VIEWMONT—Mr. R. D. Webster

WEST HICKORY—Mr. Tommy
Church, Mr. P. M. Stewart, Mrs.

Naomi Cody, Mrs. D. P. Russell,
Mrs. G. D. Auton, Mrs. Mary
Penley, Mr. A. V. Cline, Mr.
G. L. Huffman, Mr. Ken Ben-
field, Mr. W. Edd Powell

HILDEBRAN, FIRST—

Mr. George Cooke, Mr. Columbus
Moore

ICARD—Mr. D. M. Abee, Rev.
M. A. Huffman, Mrs. Julia Mc-
Duffy, Mrs. Ed Teems

NEWTON, FIRST—Mr. Guy
Robert, Sr., Mr. H. L. Hefner,
Mrs. Annie Hughey, Mr. Ray
Burgess

NORTH NEWTON—Rev. V. L.
Andrews, Sr., Mrs. B. L. Clem-
mer, Sr.

PROVIDENCE—Mrs. D. W. Brit-
tian, Mr. Russell W. Schrum
(Deacon)

SANDY RIDGE—Mrs. Carrie
Bumgarner

WARLICK'S—Mrs. Minnie
Decker, Mr. Willie Mull
(Deacon)

Church Directories

PASTORS

The names and addresses of the pastors of this association are contained in statistical table A.

ORDAINED MINISTERS, NOT PASTORS, HOLDING MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCHES OF THERON RANKIN ASSOCIATION

NAME	ADDRESS	CHURCH
Abernethy, Alfred (Ch.O.).....	U. S. A. F.....	Providence
Bragg, J. L. (R.O.).....	Hildebran.....	Hildebran, First
Bryant, Wade (I.O.).....	918 Lenoir Road, Hickory.....	Penelope
Chester, O. S. (I.O.).....	169 29th Street S.W., Hickory.....	Longview
Conner, D. H. (I.O.).....	765 21st Street, S.W., Hickory.....	Penelope
Crump, Zeno (I.O.).....	Route 2, Connelly Springs.....	Warlick's
Gilbert, Frank (I.O.).....	Route 2, Connelly Springs.....	Warlick's
Keller, J. C. (I.O.).....	Rt. 5, Box 146, Hickory.....	Longview
Morrow, Phillip Ray (O.M.).....	Catawba.....	Catawba
Price, J. Louis (R.O.).....	2820 1st Avenue N.W., Hickory.....	West Hickory
Propst, Dean (O.M.).....	Hickory.....	Corinth
Reep, Jay (O.M.).....	Newton.....	Mountain Grove
Sullivan, E. F. (R.O.).....	1920 North Center Street, Hickory..	Temple

ASSISTANT PASTORS OR EDUCATIONAL DIRECTORS

NAME	ADDRESS	CHURCH
Byler, David O.....	616 North Center Street, Hickory...	First, Hickory
Forbes, Harry E.....	635 West 6th Street, Newton.....	First, Newton
Freeman, Miss Sandra.....	805 9th Avenue N.E., Hickory.....	Highland
Hegenbart, Alex F.....	810 2nd Avenue N.W., Hickory.....	West Hickory
Kercher, R. Paul.....	534 2nd Avenue N.W., Hickory.....	First, Hickory
Lane, Fred A.....	114 34th Street N.W., Hickory.....	Penelope

MINISTERS ORDAINED DURING THE YEAR

NAME	ADDRESS	CHURCH
Atnip, Thomas.....	P.O. Box 482, Claremont.....	West Hickory
Craig, Roy A.....	310 12th Street N.W., Hickory.....	Wayside
Crapps, Eddie.....	Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky.....	First, Hickory
Hegenbart, Alex F.....	810 2nd Avenue N.W., Hickory.....	West Hickory
Morrow, Robert William.....	Norfolk, Virginia.....	Catawba
Whitener, Harold D.....	Wake Forest, N. C.....	Oyama

MINISTERS LICENSED DURING THE YEAR

NAME	ADDRESS	CHURCH
Thompson, W. H.....	Taylorsville, N. C.....	Oakland Heights

DIRECTOR OF AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS

CHURCH	NAME	ADDRESS
Hickory, First.....	F. W. Broome.....	345 7th Ave. Place N.W., Hickory
West Hickory.....	J. Herman Cater.....	P.O. Box 552, Hickory
North Newton.....	Bobby Parkhurst.....	P.O. Box 98, Conover
Providence.....	Yates Abernethy.....	Route 3, Vale

LIBRARIANS

CHURCH	NAME	ADDRESS
Catawba.....	Mrs. Locke Rink.....	Route 1, Claremont
Corinth.....	Miss Patricia Costner.....	Rt. 3, Vale
Hickory, Calvary.....	Mrs. Guy Huffman.....	719 19th Street S.W., Hickory
" East Hickory.....	Miss Geraldine Fisher.....	134 15th Street S.E., Hickory
" First.....	Mrs. Spurgeon Young.....	196 23rd Street N.W., Hickory
" Highland.....	Mrs. A. C. Ogren.....	829 Main Avenue N.E., Hickory
" Oakland Heights.....	Miss Jean Hawn.....	514 10th St. Blvd. N.W., Hickory
" Penelope.....	Mrs. Clarence Rhoney.....	3633 1st Avenue S.W., Hickory
" Temple.....	Miss Kay Kirby.....	Rt. 2, Box 140-B, Hickory
" Viewmont.....	Mrs. Roy Hoffman.....	Rt. 3, Hickory
" West Hickory.....	Mrs. W. K. Truett.....	1417 1st Ave. Place N.W., Hickory
Hildebran, First.....	Miss Martha Eggers.....	Hildebran
Mountain Grove.....	Miss Mary Huffman.....	Rt. 1, Hickory
Newton, North.....	Mrs. Shirley Shook.....	409 E. 11th Street, Newton

PIANIST OR ORGANIST

CHURCH	NAME	ADDRESS
Brookford.....	Mrs. W. C. Laney.....	161 20th Avenue S.W., Hickory
Catawba.....	Miss Polly A. Abernathy.....	Star Route, Catawba
Claremont.....	Mr. Jimmy Wilson.....	1143 Main Ave. Drive N.W., Hickory
Corinth.....	Mrs. Roy Stallings.....	Route 1, Hickory
Hickory, Calvary.....	Mrs. Larry Overcash.....	421 24th St. S.W., Hickory
" Community.....	Miss Annette Bolton.....	Hickory
" East Hickory.....	Mrs. T. W. Nelson.....	122 16th Street S.E., Hickory
" First.....	George Davis.....	122 5th Street N.W., Hickory
" Highland.....	Mrs. E. L. Guthrie.....	805 9th Avenue N.E., Hickory
" Longview.....	Mrs. Lloyd Pittman.....	Rt. 2, Hickory
" Oakland Heights.....	Miss Barbara Brooks.....	1673 C Avenue S.E., Hickory
" Penelope.....	Mrs. Mayo Weaver.....	P.O. Box 72, Hildebran
" Temple.....	Mrs. Kenneth Little.....	375 4th Street N.W., Hickory
" Viewmont.....	Mrs. Ralph Kendall.....	2606 1st Avenue N.W., Hickory
" West Hickory.....	Mrs. Dean Woods.....	P.O. Box 585, Hickory
Hildebran, First.....	Mrs. Mildred Wycoff.....	Hildebran
Icard.....	Mrs. Amos Lingerfelt.....	Icard
Mountain Grove.....	Miss Betty Sigmon.....	Route 1, Hickory
Newton, First.....	Miss Elizabeth Wood.....	635 W. 6th Street, Newton
" North.....	Mr. Cecil Murray.....	2324 N. Main Avenue, Newton
Oyama.....	Mrs. Garland Caldwell.....	Route 2, Conover
Providence.....	Mrs. M. S. Brittan.....	Route 4, Hickory
Sandy Ridge.....	Mrs. Emmett Huffman.....	305 20th Avenue N.E., Hickory
Springs Road.....	Miss Gale Huffman.....	Route 2, Conover
Startown.....	Miss Christine Bumgarner.....	Route 1, Newton
Sweetwater.....	Miss Patsy Houston.....	Route 3, Hickory
Warlick's.....	Miss Elizabeth Marlowe.....	Route 1, Hickory
Wayside.....	Miss Nancy Kirby.....	80 30th Street N.W., Hickory
Grace.....		

HISTORICAL TABLE

Year	Place of Meeting	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher of Annual Sermon
1956	Hickory, First; Hildebran, First.....	Fritz D. Hemphill.....	Miss Helen Cater.....	V. C. Martin
1957	West Hickory; Mountain Grove.....	Fritz D. Hemphill.....	Miss Helen Cater.....	O. Jack Murphy
1958	Viewmont; Providence.....	Fritz D. Hemphill.....	Miss Helen Cater.....	James Helvey, Jr.

Statistical Tables

TABLE A. CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP OF THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1958

Index Number	CHURCHES	Location Rural-V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES		GAINS		LOSSES	TOTAL				SPECIAL INFORMATION					
							Baptisms	Letters and Other Additions	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-resident Members	Grand Total	Present Members	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers	Church Have Budget?	Every Member Canvass?	State Paper in Budget?	No. Local Missions Operated by Church	Pastor's Annual Salary (Whether had a pastor for full year or not)
1	Brookford.....		1910	All	W. C. Laney, 161 20th Ave., S.W., Hickory.....	1	...	...	...	101	7	108	2	71	No	No	No	.....	\$ 2,171.00
2	Catawba.....	T	1875	All	B. A. Cooper, Box 114, Catawba.....	6	5	14	...	155	59	214	2	41	Yes	No	Yes	.....	4,000.00
3	Claremont.....	T	1853	All	Thomas Attnin, P.O. Box 482, Claremont.....	12	13	17	...	52	36	88	2	16	Yes	Yes	No	.....	2,900.00
4	Corninth.....	C	1840	All	C. L. Pickler, Rt. 3, Vale.....	2	8	17	...	190	65	255	2	45	No	No	No	.....	3,120.00
5	Hickory, Calvary.....	C	1943	All	W. W. Marr, 1908 8th Ave., S.W., Hickory.....	5		9	...	200	16	216	1	60	No	Yes	No	.....	3,900.00
6	" Community.....	C	1950	All	R. L. Ball, 924 14th St., S.E., Hickory.....	5	36	20	...	169	79	249	2	12	No	No	Yes	.....	2,793.00
7	" East Hickory.....	C	1940	All	T. W. Nelson, 122 16th St., S.E., Hickory.....	9	13	11	...	270	79	349	2	130	Yes	No	Yes	.....	4,680.00
8	" First.....	C	1870	All	Dr. G. Othell Hand, 534 2nd Ave., N.W., Hickory.....	32	107	101	...	603	211	1,500	2	366	Yes	Yes	No	.....	9,000.00
9	" Highland.....	C	1912	All	J. Howard Cates, 538 8th St., N.E., Hickory.....	29	28	34	...	295	10	305	2	172	Yes	Yes	Yes	.....	5,200.00
10	" Longview.....	T	1940	All	J. D. Compton, 215 23rd St., S.W., Hickory.....	9	24	7	...	150	19	169	2	78	Yes	No	No	.....	3,900.00
11	" Oakland Heights.....	C	1944	All	Berry Lafone, Rt. 2, Box 209-A, Hickory.....	14	8	...	...	842	90	932	2	200	Yes	No	Yes	.....	3,150.00
12	" Pendolene.....	C	1888	All	O. Jack Murphy, 3310 Main Ave., N.W., Hickory.....	34	29	19	...	14	343	36	379	2	113	Yes	Yes	.....	4,680.00
13	" Temple.....	C	1949	All	William S. Elliott, 813 8th St. Dr. S.E., Hickory.....	40	21	42	...	52	835	90	925	2	210	Yes	Yes	.....	6,240.00
14	" Viewmont.....	C	1935	All	Albert A. Young, 97 18th Ave., N.W., Hickory.....	41	42	52	...	952	75	1,027	2	276	Yes	Yes	No	.....	6,000.00
15	" West Hickory.....	C	1907	All	Fritz D. Hemphill, 1205 Main Ave., Dr. N.W., Hickory.....	41	27	45	...	485	102	587	2	160	Yes	No	No	.....	4,905.00
16	Hildebran, First.....	T	1888	All	B. R. Holbrook, Box 135, Hildebran.....	29	10	8	...	203	45	248	1	84	Yes	No	No	.....	4,680.00
17	Icard.....	V	1918	All	Olin D. Hefner, P.O. Box 255, Icard.....	20	10	2	...	246	35	281	2	50	Yes	No	No	.....	4,505.00
18	Mountain Grove.....	R	1881	All	L. Vernon Connell, Rt. 1, Hickory.....	8	1	102	...	621	173	794	2	425	Yes	Yes	No	.....	4,700.00
19	Newton, First.....	C	1882	All	James M. Wilder, 122 W. 7th St., Newton.....	12	32	102	...	287	71	358	2	105	Yes	Yes	No	.....	4,680.00
20	" North.....	C	1921	All	James Halvey, Jr., 1826 N. College Ave., Newton.....	25	15	24	...	60	13	73	1	.....	Yes	No	.....	2,080.00	
21	Oyama.....	R	1954	All	M. L. Ross, Rt. 4, Hickory.....	6	6	4	...	148	19	167	2	.....	Yes	No	.....	3,900.00	
22	Providence.....	R	1878	All	V. C. Martin, 1830 12th Ave., N.E., Hickory.....	18	29	20	...	276	34	310	1	100	Yes	No	Yes	1	4,940.00
23	Sandy Ridge.....	R	1944	All	William E. Melvin, Rt. 2, Box 221-A, Hickory.....	21	22	131	...	131	3	134	2	65	Yes	Yes	No	.....	3,300.00
24	Springs Road.....	R	1957	All	Kenneth M. Bowen, Rt. 2, Box 13A, Cherryville.....	11		4	...	45	8	53	1	14	Yes	No	No	.....	2,080.00
25	Startown.....	V	1956	All	Ted L. Starnes, 1329 15th St. Crt., N.E., Hickory.....	12	11	3	...	55	5	60	1	25	Yes	Yes	No	.....	2,465.00
26	Sweetwater.....	R	1954	All	Matt L. Hastings, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs.....	31	13	7	...	357	27	384	2	60	Yes	No	No	.....	4,160.00
27	Warlick's.....	R	1854	All	Horace Harris, 134 31st St., S.W., Hickory.....	40	30	7	...	142	12	154	3	20	Yes	No	No	.....	2,800.00
28	Wayside.....	R	1954	All	(figures included in Sandy Ridge report)				...										
29	Midway Mission*				D. E. Couch, Sr., 802 3rd St., S.E., Hickory.....	3		4	...	36	4	40	2	20	Yes	No	No	.....	1,214.00
30	Grace**.....	R	1956	All					...										
Totals.....						505	573	544	9,398	1,466	11,004	51	2,978	24	11	9		1	120,160.00

*Mission of Sandy Ridge Church. **Under Watch Care.

Miss Helen Cater, Clerk, Hickory.

J. Howard Cates, Moderator, Hickory.

TABLE B. BUILDING—GOALS FOR COMING YEAR—SPECIAL INFORMATION OF THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1958

Index Number	CHURCHES	CHAIRMEN OF RECREATION COMMITTEES AND ADDRESSES										Total Church Debt at End of Year	Cooperative Program, % of Total Budget	Association Mission Goal Coming Year	Church Have Library?	Church Have Recreation Committee?	Does Church Have Weekday Kinder- garten?	Does Church Have Day School?
		Value of Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home	Money Spent on New and Equipment, Church	Money Spent on New Construction, Property	Operated by Church	Debt at End of Year	Cooperative Program, % of Total Budget	Association Mission Goal Coming Year	Church Have Library?	Church Have Recreation Committee?							
1	Brookford	\$ 4,000.00	\$22,000.00	\$	\$			50%	100.00	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
2	Catawba	5,000.00	106,000.00	53.00	53.00			7.6%	150.00	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
3	Claremont	12,500.00	32,500.00	10,000.00	10,000.00		14,500.00	10%	36.00	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
4	Corinth	16,000.00	40,000.00	185.00	185.00				120.00	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
5	Hickory, Calvary		75,000.00							Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
6	" Community		50,000.00								No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
7	" East Hickory	15,500.00	50,500.00					10%	183.00	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
8	" First	50,000.00	833,000.00	46,062.00	46,062.00		106,119.00	32%		Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
9	" Highland	30,000.00	225,000.00	167.00	167.00		29,800.00	17%	650.00	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
10	" Longview	7,000.00	60,432.00	7,337.00	7,337.00		1,800.00	6%	120.00	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
11	" Oakland Heights		15,000.00						42.00	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
12	" Pendlope	36,000.00	220,000.00	898.00	898.00		8,000.00	17.8%		Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
13	" Temple	15,000.00	80,000.00	469.00	469.00		36,349.00	6%	243.00	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
14	" Viewmont	27,000.00	250,000.00	732.00	732.00			14%	600.00	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
15	" West Hickory	30,000.00	355,000.00	324.00	324.00		70,000.00	18%	600.00	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
16	Hildebran, First	20,000.00	102,500.00	368.00	368.00			10%	396.00	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
17	Lead	5,500.00	45,500.00	18,896.00	18,896.00				144.00	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
18	Mountain Grove	15,000.00	80,000.00				1,075.00			Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
19	Newton, First	22,000.00	128,000.00						540.00	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
20	" North	12,500.00	83,500.00	1,001.00	1,001.00		8,000.00	12%	228.00	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
21	Oyana		11,000.00				8,000.00			No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
22	Providence	20,000.00	70,000.00				4,800.00	1.2%	90.00	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
23	Sandy Ridge	10,000.00	100,000.00	2,981.00	2,981.00		21,636.00			No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
24	Springs Road		30,000.00	275.00	275.00		16,050.00	10%	30.00	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
25	Startown		6,000.00						26.00	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
26	Sweetwater		8,500.00	210.00	210.00		1,726.00	6%	65.00	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
27	Warlick's	8,000.00	125,000.00	9,630.00	9,630.00		45,000.00	10%	120.00	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
28	Wayside		25,000.00				10,322.00			No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
29	Midway Mission*							5%										
30	Grace**		18,000.00	510.00	510.00		1,562.00											
	(figures included in Sandy Ridge report)																	
	Totals	361,000.00	3259,432.00	100,118.00	100,118.00		384,739.00		4,483.00	14	1							

*Mission of Sandy Ridge Church.

**Under Watch Care.

Miss Helen Cater, Clerk, Hickory.

J. Howard Cates, Moderator, Hickory.

TABLE C. BROTHERHOOD WORK OF THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE YEAR
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1958

Index Number	CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF MEN'S BROTHERHOODS AND ADDRESSES	CHRM. ROYAL AMBASSADOR CO. AND ADDRESSES	Men's Brotherhood Enrollment	Young Men's Brotherhood Enrollment	Total Men	No. Junior R. A. Chapters	Junior R. A. Enrollment	No. Intermediate R. A. Chapters	Intermediate R. A. Enrollment	Total R. A. Enrollment	Grand Total Enrollment
1	Brookford.	Jake Abernathy, Catawba.	Tommy Keith, Catawba.	15		15	1	14			14	29
2	Catawba.	Charles Brown, 127 14th St., N.W., Hickory.		14		14						14
3	Claremont.											
4	Corinth.											
5	Hickory, Calvary.											
6	" Community.											
7	" East Hickory.	Russell R. Fisher, 134 15th St., S.E., Hickory.	Clennie Self, 1606 E. Ave., S.E., Hickory.	23		23	1	7			7	30
8	" First.	Donald E. Greene, P.O. Box 273, Hickory.	W. Phil Best, 820 3rd St., S.E., Hickory.	160		160	1	14	1	12	26	186
9	" Highland.	Zack Guthrie, Rt. 2, Box 52, Hickory.	Perry Teague, 859 Highland Ave., N.E., Hickory.	41		41	1	16			16	57
10	" Longview.	T. H. Pratte, 128 25th St. S.W., Hickory.	Julius Cook, Jr., 2519 13th Ave. S.W., Hickory.	42		42	1	20	1	6	26	68
11	" Oakland Heights.	Gordon Kanuppp, Rt. 2, Newton.	Jimmy Cole, 219 12th Ave. N.E., Hickory.	12	4	16	1	6			6	22
12	" Penelope.	Cecil Signon, 318 33rd St. S.W., Hickory.	Everette Gilbert, Hildebran.	39		39						
13	" Temple.	R. V. Little, 723 2nd Ave. S.W., Hickory.	Robert Ramsey, 725 6th Ave. S.W., Hickory.	27		27	1	13	1	8	8	47
14	" West Hickory.	John Quinn, 234 9th Ave. Dr. N.E., Hickory.	Ray Childers, Box 136, Hildebran.	81		81	1	22	1	12	25	52
15	" West Hickory.	Ralph E. Boliek, 151 34th St. N.W., Hickory.	Leon Ledford, Icard.	60		60	1	22			22	82
16	Hildebran, First.	L. E. Childers, Rt. 4, Hickory.	Bill Abernathy, Rt. 1, Hickory.	21		21	1	15	1	20	35	56
17	Icard.	Carl Waters, Rt. 1, Hickory.	Dr. Ted James, 727 S. College Ave., Newton.	22		22	1	10			10	32
18	Mountain Grove.	Donald Adams, 805 S. Cline Ave., Newton.	Fred B. Whisnant, Rt. 2, Newton.	18		18	1	24	1	7	24	42
19	Newton, First.	Alvin W. Moses, 423 Davis Ave., Newton.		69		69	1	8			8	84
20	" North.			34		34	1	12			12	46
21	Oyana.											
22	Providence.	Bob Martin, Rt. 3, Hickory.	Paul Teague, Rt. 5, Hickory.	25		25	2	18	1	10	28	53
23	Sandy Ridge.	Glenn Canipe, Rt. 2, Box 38, Hickory.	Bruce Huffman, Rt. 2, Conover.	15		15	1	13	1	10	23	38
24	Springs Road.	James Fox, Rt. 1, Newton.		8		8						
25	Starown.	E. R. Caldwell, 648 21st St. S.E., Hickory.	Nile Barber, Rt. 3, Hickory.	12		12	1	14			14	26
26	Sweetwater.	Walter Starnes, Rhodhiss.	Leon Lowman, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs.	36		36	1	13	1	12	25	61
27	Warlick s.	Roy Craig, 310 12th St. N.W., Hickory.	Donald Yount, 2507 13th Ave. S.W., Hickory.	12		12	1	9	1	10	19	31
28	Wayside.	(figures included in Sandy Ridge report).										
29	Midway Mission*.											
30	Grace**.											
	Totals.			786	4	790	20	270	11	115	385	1,175

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**TABLE D. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1958**

Index Number	CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES										Total Tithers All Organizations
		W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W. M. S. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	
1	Brookford.....	2	1	1	1	5	26	10	7	4	47	28
2	Catawba.....	1	1	1	1	4	15	15	15	15	47	316
3	Claremont.....	2	1	2	1	5	45	10	12	12	69	15
4	Corinth.....											
5	Hickory, Calvary.....											
6	" Community.....	1				1	15				15	5
7	" East Hickory.....	4	1	2	2	9	59	9	26	29	123	53
8	" First.....	21	2	6	4	33	315	25	103	78	521	316
9	" Highland.....	6	1	2	2	11	81	8	29	49	167	96
10	" Longview.....	3	1			4	28	10			38	21
11	" Oakland Heights.....	3		2		7	30		12	17	59	30
12	" Penelope.....	11	1	4	2	18	103	10	42	44	199	134
13	" Temple.....	4	1	2	2	9	47	11	29	37	124	43
14	" Viewmont.....	8	1	6	3	18	108	12	78	47	245	113
15	" West Hickory.....	8	1	2	2	13	103	6	41	55	205	126
16	Hildebran, First.....	5	1	2	2	10	57	11	51	66	185	89
17	Icard.....	4	1	2	1	8	38	10	34	4	86	48
18	Mountain Grove.....	9	1	2	2	7	50	18	18	34	102	40
19	Newton, First.....	3	1	2	2	7	124	20	34	33	211	88
20	" North.....	2	1	2	2	7	34	6	26	34	100	44
21	Oyama.....	2				2	20				20	5
22	Providence.....	1				1	17				17	30
23	Sandy Ridge.....	2	1	2	2	7	30	8	20	19	77	30
24	Springs Road.....	3		2	2	7	33		14	18	65	31
25	Startown.....	1		1	1	3	12		9	15	36	4
26	Sweetwater.....	1	1	1		2	10	6		16	36	8
27	Warlick's.....	1	1	1		3	26	9	17		52	19
28	Wayside.....	1	1	1		3	17	10	13		40	5
29	Midway Mission*.....											
30	Grace**.....	1		1	1	3	12		8	12	32	8
Totals.....		110	18	48	35	211	1,455	181	623	607	2,866	1,404

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TABLE E. SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1958

CHURCHES		SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES											SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT										
Index Number		Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People, Single	Young People, Married	Adults (25-34)	Adults (35 and up)	Extension Department	General Officers	Mission Sunday School Enrollment	Grand Total Sunday School	Average Attendance	Number Training Schools	Vocation Bible School Enrollment	Average V.B.S.	January Bible Study			
1	Brookford.....		14	10	14	17	15	9	9	16	16	15	7	7	127	87	1	68	60	Yes			
2	Catawba.....		20	12	19	17	21	10	10	23	50	15	9	9	198	105	2	90	85	Yes			
3	Claremont.....		4	10	9	19	4	16	16	6	25	10	3	3	90	60	2	83	71	Yes			
4	Corinth.....		7	18	12	31	16	11	11	17	66	10	4	4	224	129	2	126	112	Yes			
5	Hickory.....		5	18	26	16	17	4	11	31	34	10	4	4	166	88	1	88	78	Yes			
6	".....		17	16	16	19	11	16	13	33	33	10	3	3	144	80	3	144	80	Yes			
7	".....		9	24	33	49	38	14	19	45	96	10	5	5	386	226	3	160	150	Yes			
8	".....		44	104	121	182	147	56	21	180	397	44	20	20	1,410	781	6	492	426	Yes			
9	".....		38	104	100	121	182	147	56	21	180	397	44	20	1,410	781	6	492	426	Yes			
10	".....		11	64	34	59	81	74	22	45	77	168	16	5	656	365	2	210	174	Yes			
11	".....		17	27	40	59	39	20	20	32	95	27	3	3	349	178	2	143	131	Yes			
12	".....		6	10	11	17	22	19	25	29	181	19	7	7	169	71	1	76	68	Yes			
13	".....		3	86	53	94	122	30	28	197	181	32	6	6	914	517	2	266	253	Yes			
14	".....		43	30	51	66	51	23	21	40	85	19	7	7	416	208	3	187	143	Yes			
15	".....		34	128	57	106	123	109	41	67	192	170	32	5	1,064	530	5	263	232	Yes			
16	".....		65	97	60	89	152	94	37	68	144	264	73	7	1,150	528	4	236	201	Yes			
17	Hildebran, First.....		6	56	37	49	68	46	30	42	144	27	5	5	567	293	2	207	189	Yes			
18	Icard.....		11	8	18	11	43	15	10	33	58	12	4	4	266	154	1	110	106	Yes			
19	Mountain Grove.....		30	28	42	45	19	15	3	58	57	7	3	3	308	199	2	215	191	Yes			
20	Newton, First.....		12	54	25	67	74	68	33	29	51	231	6	6	673	359	3	239	196	Yes			
21	".....		5	30	31	63	85	47	15	35	78	14	5	5	419	227	5	71	63	Yes			
22	Oyama.....		3	8	10	10	10	10	20	29	29	2	3	3	98	53	2	55	48	Yes			
23	Providence.....		10	8	14	20	12	16	36	22	41	2	16	16	156	96	4	126	103	Yes			
24	Sandy Ridge.....		30	14	30	57	36	18	12	39	41	3	4	4	321	231	4	220	120	Yes			
25	Springs Road.....		1	34	15	26	35	20	31	20	22	3	3	3	210	133	2	120	120	Yes			
26	Startown.....		3	12	4	13	8	4	4	27	27	4	1	1	75	49	1	36	29	Yes			
27	Sweetwater.....		14	18	12	24	11	11	25	29	29	13	6	6	140	71	2	117	90	Yes			
28	Warlick's.....		10	24	20	26	50	42	8	30	76	13	4	4	328	194	3	126	102	Yes			
29	Wayside.....		5	10	12	14	30	19	25	24	21	17	32	32	214	96	1	126	102	Yes			
30	Midway Mission*.....																						
	Grace**.....																						
	Totals.....	238	969	732	1,072	1,538	1,138	535	528	1,466	2,506	347	184	40	11,293	6,146	61	3,910	3,421	17			

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TABLE F. TRAINING UNION OF THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1958

Index Number	CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	TRAINING UNION ENROLMENT														
			Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People, Single	Young People, Married	Adults, 25-34	Adults, 35 and up	General Officers	Mission Enrollment	Grand Total	Average Attendance	Number Training Schools	Observe Youth Week?
1	Brookford.....	Bruce B. Bishop, 1240 10th St. N.E., Hickory.....	5	.....	13	10	14	9	.....	11	14	6	.....	82	54	1	.....
2	Catawba.....	Mrs. Newell Eades, Catawba.....	.....	.....	4	5	13	.....	.....	.....	15	3	.....	40	20	2	Yes
3	Claremont.....	Clifford Spencer, Rt. 2, Newton.....	3	4	4	14	4	10	.....	.....	11	3	.....	53	32	2	.....
4	Corinth.....	Mrs. Carl Peeler, Rt. 3, Vale.....	.....	.....	3	4	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	22	15	.....	.....
5	Hickory, Calvary.....	John Asherbranner, 1765 13th Ave. S.W., Hickory.....	.....	.....	8	9	11	.....	12	.....	14	3	.....	57	32	.....	.....
6	" Community.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
7	" East Hickory.....	Clemmie T. Self, 1606 E. Ave. S.E., Hickory.....	19	8	19	26	21	12	.....	20	48	5	.....	178	110	2	Yes
8	" First.....	F. W. Broome, 345 7th Ave. Pl. N.W., Hickory.....	11	14	41	111	94	24	.....	57	.....	5	.....	357	208	2	Yes
9	" Highland.....	Richard G. Reese, 303 9th Ave. N.W., Hickory.....	15	7	15	40	36	6	16	28	27	4	.....	194	119	.....	Yes
10	" Longview.....	Leonard Tolbert, 3043 1st Ave. N.W., Hickory.....	13	9	12	35	23	.....	13	33	35	3	.....	177	103	3	.....
11	" Oakland Heights.....	Lee R. Brooks, 1673 C Ave. S.E., Hickory.....	.....	.....	9	14	10	3	.....	17	.....	3	.....	66	.....	1	.....
12	" Penelope.....	Ted DeRhodes, P.O. Box 266, Hickory.....	9	10	18	75	45	28	20	33	18	5	.....	261	125	.....	.....
13	" Temple.....	John Stephens, 780 Main Ave. S.E., Hickory.....	5	5	5	27	25	15	.....	39	33	3	.....	124	53	1	Yes
14	" Viewmont.....	Eugene Hall, 2908 4th St. N.E., Hickory.....	17	7	38	51	42	17	.....	54	52	3	.....	281	119	.....	Yes
15	" West Hickory.....	W. K. Truett, 1417 1st Ave. Pl. N.W., Hickory.....	13	29	25	61	46	18	8	30	28	6	.....	264	135	1	.....
16	Hildebran, First.....	Mrs. Roger Cooke, 748 8th St. N.E., Hickory.....	5	15	20	34	30	12	17	22	13	4	.....	172	102	2	Yes
17	" Mountain Grove.....	Shirley Ann Church, Rt. 1, Box 11-A, Connelly Springs.....	3	7	5	16	10	15	6	12	9	1	.....	84	64	1	Yes
18	Newton, First.....	Mrs. Marvin Keller, Rt. 1, Hickory.....	6	11	11	22	11	24	.....	23	21	5	.....	134	86	1	Yes
19	" North.....	Harry E. Forbes, 635 W. 6th St., Newton.....	8	.....	8	26	38	2	.....	19	19	4	.....	124	52	2	Yes
20	Ovama.....	Loy D. Mauney, Jr., 316 Davis Ave., Newton.....	4	7	14	34	10	24	.....	10	24	3	.....	130	65	1	Yes
21	Providence.....	Ben H. Roberts, Rt. 2, Box 63, Conover.....	.....	6	.....	9	10	9	.....	8	.....	6	.....	51	20	.....	.....
22	Sandy Ridge.....	Ernest Cline, Rt. 1, Box 232, Hickory.....	.....	3	3	9	10	.....	6	.....	25	6	.....	59	36	.....	.....
23	Springs Road.....	Mrs. A. D. Bumgarner, 60 28th St. N.W., Hickory.....	4	8	4	29	20	15	14	17	18	3	.....	132	101	1	Yes
24	Stertown.....	Leslie Brittain, Rt. 1, Newton.....	11	11	18	15	16	.....	21	.....	11	4	.....	117	65	2	Yes
25	Sweetwater.....	Fred Bridges, Rt. 3, Hickory.....	.....	4	4	5	6	.....	.....	.....	15	3	.....	36	22	1	.....
26	Warlick's.....	Mrs. Lena Gilbert, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs.....	4	8	6	26	30	9	9	11	17	3	.....	62	30	3	.....
27	Wayside.....	(figures included in Sandy Ridge report)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	9	6	25	6	.....	125	55	3	Yes
28	Midway Mission*	Oris Godwin, Conover.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
29	Grace**.....	6	5	1	5	1	2	4	5	6	5	40	20
30	Totals.....	161	193	319	718	586	253	146	418	525	103	3,422	1,833	31	15

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TABLE G. CHURCH MUSIC OF THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1958

Index Number	CHURCHES	CHOIR DIRECTORS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES										Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adult	General Officers	Mission Enrolment	Total Enrolment	Average Attendance	Schools	September—Church Music Month Observed	No. Copies Church Musician Usually Ordered	Name of Hymnal Used in Auditorium
1	Brookford.....	Mrs. Bessie Wells, Brookford Baptist Church, Brookford															26	1		27	21			.....	Baptist
2	Catawba.....	Mrs. Lutell Keith, Catawba.....		15													30			45	30			.....	Broadman
3	Claremont.....	Charles Brown, 127 14th St. N.W., Hickory.....		12													17	5		34	27	1	Yes	12	Broadman
4	Corinth.....	R. L. Whisnaut, Rt. 1, Hickory.....															30			30				.....	Broadman
5	Hickory, Calvary.....	William Marr, 1209 13th St. S. W., Hickory.....																						.....	Broadman
6	" Community.....																							.....	Broadman
7	" East Hickory.....	Raymond Hagie, 236 21st St. S. E., Hickory.....		30													32			62	50		Yes	.....	Broadman
8	" First.....	David O. Byler, 616 N. Center St., Hickory.....											51				65	20		305	250	1	Yes	55	Baptist
9	" Highland.....	Mrs. Frank Barger, 907 8th St. N.E., Hickory.....		14													26			40	30	1	Yes	25	Broadman
10	" Longview.....	Lloyd Pitman, Rt. 2, Hickory.....															20	5		25				1	Broadman
11	" Oakland Heights.....	Walter Daniels, 58 34th St. N.W., Hickory.....															31	3		34	20	1	Yes	30	Modern
12	" Panelope.....	Fred A. Lane, 114 33rd St. N.W., Hickory.....		35													31			66	20			.....	Baptist
13	" Temple.....	Kenneth Little, 375 4th St. N.W., Hickory.....		10													23			33	28		Yes	2	Broadman
14	" Viewmont.....	Dwight Robinson, 1462 1st Ave. N.W., Hickory.....		40													33			88	50		Yes	30	Broadman
15	" West Hickory.....	A. F. Hegembart, 810 2nd Ave. N.W., Hickory.....		27													32	3		87	60	2	Yes	30	Modern
16	Hildebran, First.....	Eddie Holbrook, Box 135, Hildebran.....		14													15	5		92	30	1	Yes	12	Baptist
17	Icard.....	Harry Mull, Icard.....		20													25	3		48	30			.....	Broadman
18	Mountain Grove.....	L. Vernon Connell, Rt. 1, Hickory.....		25													20	2		47	15			5	New Baptist
19	Newton, First.....	Harry E. Forbes, 635 W. 6th St. Newton.....	8	14													29	7		112	85		Yes	2	Broadman
20	" North.....	Janice Robinson, 420 24th St. S.W., Hickory.....		15													20			50	30			.....	Broadman
21	Oyama.....	Mrs. Charles Shook, Route 2, Conover.....															16			16				.....	Broadman
22	Providence.....	Buddy Whitener, Route 1, Hickory.....															30			30	11	1		5	Modern
23	Sandy Ridge.....	Mrs. Harley Fisher, 1040 19th St. N.E., Hickory.....															23	4		27	13			.....	Baptist
24	Springs Road.....	Mrs. Maek Stafford, Rt. 2, Hickory.....		7													10			17	13			.....	Broadman
25	Startown.....	Leslie Brittain, Rt. 1, Newton.....															15			15				.....	Broadman
26	Sweetwater.....	Coburn Barker, Rt. 3, Hickory.....																						.....	Baptist
27	Walick's.....	Mrs. Vera Knox, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs.....																						.....	Broadman
28	Wayside.....	James Bean, 1326 26th St. S.W., Hickory.....															12			12				.....	Baptist
29	Midway Mission*	(figures included in Sandy Ridge report)																						Voice of Praise
30	Grace**.....																							1	Broadman
	Totals.....		8	79	369	183	34	611	58				1,342	780	8	10	239								

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TABLE H. AND I. TOTAL GIFTS AND LOCAL EXPENDITURES, THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1958

CHURCHES		TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES													Index Number	
		Total Gifts for All Purposes	Total Salaries (Do Not Include Pastors' Salary Here)	Maintenance, Insurance, Repair, etc.	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature, Song Books, Printing, etc.	Local Missions and Benevolences	Revival Expenses and Pastoral Supply	Debt	Other Local Expenses	Total Local Expenses (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary (Money Paid)	Grand Total Local Expense			
1	Brookford	\$ 17,074.00	\$ 225.00	\$1,592.00	\$	\$	\$564.00	\$ 25.00	\$	\$3,314.00	\$6,290.00	\$2,171.00	\$88,461.00			
2	Catawba	10,941.00	600.00	773.00	53.00	951.00	83.00	274.00		1,579.00	4,031.00	4,000.00	8,031.00			
3	Claremont	4,457.00		42.00		222.00		265.00	920.00	1,479.00	4,031.00	4,000.00	8,031.00			
4	Corinth	8,587.00	120.00	543.00	185.00	302.00	323.00	237.00		327.00	2,020.00	2,287.00	4,195.00			
5	Hickory	11,787.00	430.00	382.00		224.00		225.00	2,530.00	1,257.00	5,060.00	3,120.00	8,140.00			
6	" Community	5,587.00	632.00	231.00	100.00	24.00		120.00	631.00	1,113.00	2,851.00	3,900.00	8,960.00			
7	" East Hickory	25,540.00	2,071.00	858.00	376.00	1,257.00	467.00	337.00		1,296.00	6,662.00	2,583.00	5,444.00			
8	" First	165,960.00	23,341.00	9,789.00	46,062.00	4,885.00	2,779.00	3,305.00	25,009.00	25,388.00	140,558.00	6,680.00	11,342.00			
9	" Highland	52,084.00	5,045.00	1,170.00	63.00	2,924.00	972.00	823.00	3,416.00	3,416.00	94,638.00	5,200.00	146,558.00			
10	" Longview	15,204.00	629.00	1,943.00	1,534.00	634.00	127.00	164.00	5,823.00	858.00	11,712.00	5,200.00	39,838.00			
11	" Oakland Heights	4,880.00	156.00	57.00		282.00	67.00	77.00		408.00	1,047.00	3,900.00	15,612.00			
12	" Penelope	46,807.00	6,741.00	1,535.00	898.00	2,402.00	484.00	477.00	14,088.00	3,400.00	90,115.00	6,078.00	86,193.00			
13	" Temple	18,072.00	2,917.00	1,575.00	489.00	1,674.00	76.00	495.00	4,610.00	2,103.00	12,019.00	4,665.00	16,684.00			
14	" Viewmont	66,281.00	9,902.00	1,194.00	732.00	3,041.00	500.00	393.00	28,531.00	4,660.00	49,813.00	6,240.00	55,153.00			
15	" West Hickory	57,393.00	8,580.00	3,576.00	324.00	3,054.00	459.00	605.00	19,200.00	5,792.00	41,590.00	5,720.47	47,310.00			
16	Hildebran, First	28,725.00	1,575.00	1,167.00	368.00	1,756.00	190.00	423.00		1,345.00	6,824.00	4,905.00	11,729.00			
17	Icard	34,593.00	761.00	379.00	18,896.00	820.00	128.00	175.00	900.00	1,388.00	22,781.00	4,680.00	27,461.00			
18	Mountain Grove	13,500.00	624.00	752.00	159.00	767.00	97.00	300.00	1,842.00	1,322.00	5,929.00	4,505.00	10,434.00			
19	Newton, First	62,265.00	5,091.00	1,139.00		2,568.00	34.00	499.00		4,873.00	14,204.00	6,700.00	20,904.00			
20	" North	16,857.00	2,547.00	1,314.00	1,001.00	1,941.00	174.00	363.00	2,041.00	733.00	10,114.00	4,680.00	14,794.00			
21	Oyama	5,577.00	165.00				240.00	140.00		833.00	3,178.00	1,890.00	5,068.00			
22	Providence	10,303.00		2,044.00		91.00		250.00	1,800.00	445.00	5,331.00	3,900.00	9,231.00			
23	Sandy Ridge	17,260.00	1,353.00	455.00	2,981.00	1,378.00	737.00	252.00	2,501.00	452.00	12,088.00	4,940.00	17,028.00			
24	Springs Road	14,083.00	600.00	275.00	275.00	669.00	130.00	225.00	3,600.00	1,432.00	9,501.00	3,300.00	12,801.00			
25	Starown	3,250.00		110.00		87.00		60.00		250.00	9,501.00	2,090.00	3,072.00			
26	Sweetwater	6,000.00	127.00	66.00	210.00	214.00	150.00	135.00	474.00	260.00	1,626.00	2,465.00	4,091.00			
27	Wartick's	17,081.00	468.00	2,157.00	3,261.00	974.00	325.00	175.00	4,212.00	338.00	11,910.00	4,160.00	16,070.00			
28	Wayside	6,777.00		35.00		343.00		150.00	2,434.00	498.00	3,460.00	2,800.00	6,260.00			
29	Midway Mission*															
30	Grace**	2,541.00			510.00	50.00		472.00	600.00	251.00	1,883.00	1,214.00	3,097.00			
Totals		749,556.00	73,800.00	33,793.00	78,457.00	34,105.00	9,106.00	11,341.00	147,513.00	71,110.00	459,225.00	115,933.00	575,158.00			

*Mission of Sandy Ridge Church. **Under Watch Care.

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TABLE J. AND K. MISSION EXPENDITURES AND TOTAL EXPENDITURES, THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1958

Index Number	CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Cooperative Program	Associational or District	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Children's Home	Designated Hospitals	Other objects (Relief and Annuity, Homes for Aged, Radio-T. V., etc.)	Total Expenditures	Grand Total Expenditures for All Purposes
1	Brookford.....	Bruce B. Bishop, 1240 10th St. N.E., Hickory.	\$6,005.00	\$142.00	\$86.00	\$127.00	\$158.00	\$324.00	\$2,018.00	\$61.00	\$522.00	\$8,666.00	\$17,127.00
2	Catawba.....	Miss Edna Danner, Catawba.	1,200.00	142.00	86.00	127.00	158.00	324.00	420.00	77.00	326.00	2,860.00	10,891.00
3	Claremont.....	Mrs. I. W. Goans, P.O. Box 115, Catawba.	142.00	30.00		51.00	80.00		38.00	8.00	23.00	372.00	4,567.00
4	Corinth.....	Miss Elma Stallings, Rt. 3, Vale.	4.54.00	145.00	121.00	31.00	53.00	28.00	201.00	92.00	147.00	1,272.00	6,412.00
5	Hickory, Calvary.....	Mrs. David W. Hollar, 1210 18th St. S.W., Hickory.					7.00	639.00	36.00	14.00	1,179.00	1,968.00	10,928.00
6	" Community.....	Joe B. Queen, 1706 9th Ave. N.E., Hickory.										7.00	5,451.00
7	" East Hickory.....	Miss Jeanette Walker, 921 15th St. N.E., Hickory.	2,290.00	183.00	11.00	66.00	210.00		121.00	76.00	405.00	3,352.00	14,694.00
8	" First.....	James R. Glenn, 1228 12th St. Circle N.E., Hickory.	37,610.00	1,198.00	607.00	650.00	3,691.00	1,683.00	1,593.00	339.00	2,855.00	50,226.00	196,784.00
9	" Highland.....	V. H. White, P.O. Box 353, Hickory.	7,446.00	640.00	126.00	151.00	932.00	430.00	373.00	220.00	497.00	10,715.00	50,553.00
10	" Oakland Heights.....	W. R. Pluman, Jr., 67 27th St. N.W., Hickory.	553.00	90.00			101.00		136.00	52.00	25.00	831.00	16,443.00
11	" Penelope.....	Mrs. Carl King, 714 10th St. Blvd. N.W., Hickory.	350.00	42.00		11.00	10.00	135.00	126.00	10.00		684.00	4,891.00
12	" Temple.....	E. S. Teague, 2520 8th Ave. N.W., Hickory.	8,644.00	405.00	109.00	91.00	976.00	33.00	132.00	29.00	387.00	10,706.00	46,890.00
13	" Viewmont.....	Mrs. Horace Hooks, Rt. 4, Box 380, Hickory.	695.00	74.00	106.00	16.00	157.00	6.00		81.00	56.00	1,191.00	17,875.00
14	" West Hickory.....	Mrs. John J. Poteat, 1385 5th St. N.E., Hickory.	6,301.00	550.00	100.00	244.00	1,639.00		287.00	264.00	430.00	9,535.00	64,988.00
15	" West Hickory.....	James A. Pierce, 942 14th St. Dr. S.E., Hickory.	8,335.00	600.00	166.00	150.00	1,550.00		266.00	200.00	621.00	11,888.00	59,198.00
16	Hildebran, First.....	Mrs. J. D. Hoyle, Box 442, Hildebran.	2,747.00	450.00	1,028.00	148.00	3,360.00	100.00	214.00	130.00	468.00	8,645.00	20,374.00
17	Icard.....	James L. Ledford, P.O. Box 116, Icard.	979.00	144.00	46.00	52.00	305.00	66.00	50.00	27.00	12.00	1,681.00	29,142.00
18	Mountain Grove.....	Mrs. C. S. Eckard, Rt. 1, Box 652, Hickory.	1,200.00	120.00	214.00	423.00	332.00	20.00	48.00	159.00	46.00	2,131.00	12,565.00
19	Newton, First.....	Mrs. Geraldine F. Hooks, 313 W. G St., Newton.	3,999.00	655.00	125.00	150.00	1,821.00		505.00	118.00	834.00	8,569.00	29,473.00
20	" North.....	Mrs. Fay P. Drum, 2012 N. Ashe Ave., Newton.	2,230.00	192.00			186.00	125.00	127.00	125.00	518.00	3,778.00	18,572.00
21	Oyama.....	Mrs. Ben H. Roberts, Rt. 2, Box 63, Conover.	361.00		19.00		11.00		27.00	31.00		449.00	5,517.00
22	Providence.....	Mrs. Millie Page, Rt. 2, Box 380, Hickory.	120.00	90.00	80.00	77.00		50.00	181.00	171.00	295.00	1,064.00	10,295.00
23	Sandy Ridge.....	Mrs. Donnie Page, Rt. 3, Hickory.	450.00	140.00			84.00	135.00	94.00	56.00	266.00	1,226.00	18,254.00
24	Springs Road.....	Roy Lafone, Rt. 2, Hickory.	908.00	58.00		25.00	240.00	3.00	5.00	32.00	16.00	1,282.00	14,083.00
25	Startown.....	Herman B. Yother, Rt. 1, Newton.	50.00	20.00	5.00	12.00	19.00		23.00	19.00	10.00	111.00	3,183.00
26	Sweetwater.....	Miss Patsy Houston, Rt. 3, Hickory.	266.00	65.00		5.00	22.00			43.00	8.00	410.00	4,501.00
27	Warlick's.....	E. T. Berry, Icard.	858.00	50.00	40.00	12.00	48.00			6.00		1,059.00	17,129.00
28	Wayside.....	Pauline Yount, 2507 13th Ave. S.W., Hickory.	10.00			10.00	13.00				48.00	87.00	6,347.00
29	Midway Mission*	(figures included in Sandy Ridge report)											
30	Grace**	Melvin Couch, 306 N. Main St., Lenoir.	15.00			7.00	7.00			20.00		49.00	3,146.00
	Totals.....		\$94,116.00	\$5,983.00	\$3,136.00	\$2,568.00	\$16,112.00	\$3,778.00	\$6,887.00	\$2,460.00	\$10,074.00	\$145,114.00	\$720,272.00

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THOMAS P. PRUITT, 1893-1958

This volume is dedicated to the memory of Thomas P. Pruitt of Hickory by order of the association.

Born into a Baptist pastor's home, he understood, loved and helped pastors of all churches. He was educated at Wake Forest College and the University of Florida. He began practicing law in Hickory in 1915 and arose to become president of the North Carolina Bar Association. He was active in legal affairs, civic clubs and church activities. He is best remembered as a Christian gentleman with strong convictions and high ideals and for his consecrated loyalty to his church and denomination.

For twenty-nine years he was Sunday School Superintendent in the First Baptist Church, Hickory. He gave freely of his time and energy to State and Southern Convention causes. He was trustee of the North Carolina Baptist Children's Homes for twenty-five consecutive years. Among the many places of responsibility of institutions, he was elected as Vice-President of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, Trustee of Wake Forest College, Trustee of Meredith College and a member of the Executive Committee and chairman of the administrative division of the Southern Baptist Convention.

He was a dedicated servant of God whose life was a living testimony of the Grace of God.

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1. This association has no Baptist school, hospital, encampment, orphanage, state or south-wide agency or board located within its borders.

2. There is no W. M. U., Sunday School, Training Union or Brotherhood meeting during the sessions of our association. All these meet at some other time. No minutes of their meetings were furnished the clerk for publication except the W. M. U. Information on their work can be found in their reports to this body.

3. The calendar activities of the association is incomplete at this time but will be issued at a later date.

4. Reports to this session of the association are found in the section immediately following the Proceedings of Association and bear the name of chairman of the committee only.

5. In the Proceedings of the Association no mention is made of a motion for the adoption of reports. The fact that they appear in the minutes prove their adoption.

LIST OF MESSENGERS

- BROOKFORD (4) W. C. Laney (Pastor), Mrs. W. C. Laney, Lillian Stepp
- CATAWBA (5) B. A. Cooper (Pastor), John Danner, John Stewart, Carl Wike, H. A. Witherspoon
- CLAREMONT (3) Hampton L. Seronce (Pastor), Mrs. Ralph E. Monday
- CORINTH (5) C. S. Rhoney, C. V. Stallings, Velma Stallings, Mrs. Quentin Whisnant
- GRACE (3) D. E. Couch (Pastor), Lester Whitener
- HICKORY, CALVARY (5) W. W. Marr (Pastor), Mrs. Roy Cook, Mrs. David Hollar, Mrs. W. W. Marr
- HICKORY, COMMUNITY (5) R. L. Ball (Pastor), Mrs. R. L. Ball, Mrs. J. C. Land, Mrs. Lloyd Pittman
- HICKORY, EAST (6) T. W. Nelson (Pastor) G. W. DeHart, Mrs. Joe Franklin, Mrs. E. D. Canipe, Mrs. R. V. Denton, Guy Fisher, Sr., Clemmie Self
- HICKORY, FIRST (18) G. Othell Hand (Pastor), David O. Byler, C. F. Chambers, Hendley Ellington, Donald E. Greene, J. D. Greene, Mrs. Othell Hand, Mrs. W. H. Howard, Mrs. E. C. Link, T. G. Maxwell, Mrs. D. L. Nichols, Mrs. Tom Pruitt, Sr., Mrs. W. T. Stevenson, Mrs. J. E. Wells, Bill L. Whitener, Mrs. Rose Wolff, Dr. W. D. Yelton, Mrs. N. A. Yount
- HICKORY, HIGHLAND (10) J. Howard Cates (Pastor), Mrs. Howard Cates, Mrs. W. B. Duncan, Clifford D. Moses, Mrs. A. C. Ogren, Eldon W. Payne, E. M. Suggs, Mrs. E. M. Suggs, Mrs. M. C. Turbyfill, V. H. White, Mrs. V. H. White
- HICKORY, LONGVIEW (6) J. D. Compton (Pastor), Mrs. Wayne Elder, Forrest Laxton, Mrs. Jim Shelton, Ray Woody
- HICKORY, OAKLAND HEIGHTS (4) Berry Lafone (Pastor), Mrs. Lee Brooks, Mrs. Peggy Wilcox, Mrs. Rose Hefner, Mrs. Berry Lafone
- HICKORY, PENELOPE (12) O. Jack Murphy (Pastor), Mrs. Linwood Brittian, Mrs. Julius Butler, Mrs. Nellie Frye, Mrs. John D. McCray, O. E. McCray, Mrs. O. Jack Murphy, D. C. Owens, Henry D. Starnes, Mrs. F. L. Turner, Ed Young
- HICKORY, TEMPLE (6) W. S. Elliott (Pastor), Mrs. Clyde Daye, Mrs. W. S. Elliott, Cecil Mull, Floyd A. Queen, E. F. Sullivan, Mrs. E. F. Sullivan
- HICKORY, VIEWMONT (12) Albert A. Young (Pastor), Mrs. Joe Beckom, Mrs. T. F. Digh, Mrs. Carroll Moser, Robert L. Huff, Mrs. Robert L. Huff
- HICKORY, WEST (13) Fritz D. Hemphill (Pastor), James E. Clay, Mrs. J. E. Day, Alex Hegenbart, Mrs. Alex Hegenbart, Mrs. Fritz D. Hemphill, J. Louis Price, Mrs. J. Louis Price, Miss Helen Cater, Clyde Robinson, Mrs. A. A. Rowe, Ray M. Rowell, Mrs. Mack Stafford, Mrs. Fred Williams
- HILDEBRAN, FIRST (9) B. R. Holbrook (Pastor), Howard C. Abernethy, Mrs. Byrd Cooke, Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, Eddie Holbrook, W. B. Owens, Mrs. Ernest Stuart, Sr.

- ICARD (5) Mrs. P. A. Berry, Mrs. Nathan Mull, Mrs. Connelly Williams, Mrs. Dale Wilson
- MOUNTAIN GROVE (6) L. Vernon Connell (Pastor), Mrs. L. V. Connell, C. S. Echerd, Mrs. C. S. Echerd, Mrs. G. F. Huffman, Mrs. A. M. Whitener, Mrs. A. P. Whitener
- NEWTON, FIRST (10) James M. Wilder (Pastor), Mrs. Bartow Hilton
- NEWTON, NORTH (6) James Helvey (Pastor), W. R. Massey, H. C. Hassler, Alvin W. Moses, Jerrel Stewart, Gene N. Cochrane, Floyd Davis
- OYAMA (3) S. C. Duncan, Paul Lail
- PROVIDENCE (4) M. L. Ross (Pastor), Mrs. Fate Asherbranner, Mrs. Carrie Schrum, Mrs. Lola Huffman, Mrs. M. L. Ross
- SANDY RIDGE (6) V. C. Martin (Pastor), Floyd W. Barger, Mrs. Floyd W. Barger, Mrs. Guy Martin, Mrs. V. C. Martin, Mrs. Donnie Page, Ernest C. Robinson
- SPRINGS ROAD (4) A. D. Bumgarner, Harold G. Mathis
- STARTOWN (3) Kenneth M. Bowen (Pastor), Mrs. Kenneth M. Bowen, Mrs. James Fox
- SWEETWATER (3) Ted L. Starnes (Pastor), Julia Colley, Catherine Queen
- WARLICK'S (7) Matt L. Hastings (Pastor), Mrs. Albert Berry, Mrs. Pearl Chapman, Mrs. Clyde Church, Mrs. Matt L. Hastings, Mrs. Charlie Orders, Mrs. Pearl Starnes
- WAYSIDE (4) Robert P. Laws (Pastor), J. A. Cook, Tom C. Hardin, Ray Kirby

CONSTITUTION

Adopted October 25, 1956

Article I. NAME

This body shall be known as the Theron Rankin Baptist Association.

Article II. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the association shall be to devise and implement plans for the enlargement and accomplishment of the missionary enterprise of the member churches through fellowship and cooperation with each other. The association shall seek to recommend measures for the increased harmony and spiritual power of member churches. It shall provide an organizational framework for the promotion of the cause of missions, including education and evangelism, through the program sponsored by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Article III. ARTICLES OF FAITH

The articles of faith of this association, which shall be the basis of fellowship and cooperation, are those adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis, May 14, 1925.

Article IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The association shall be composed of the Missionary Baptist Churches which are members of the present association.

Section 2. The association shall receive into its fellowship and program such other Missionary Baptist Churches as adhere to the teachings of the Bible as expressed in the Articles of Faith of the association, subscribe to the constitution and by-laws of the association, and support the Southern Baptist and North Carolina Baptist Missions program.

Section 3. The association shall withdraw fellowship from member churches upon their continual refusal to cooperate in the accomplishment of the objective of the association.

Article V. MEETINGS

Section 1. The association shall meet in regular session annually for two days in one or more of its member churches for the purpose of transacting the business of the association and for the inspiration of member churches in the support of the cause of missions.

Section 2. Upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Moderator shall call special meetings of the association when necessary with adequate notice to all member churches.

Section 3. Meetings of the association organizations, i.e., Sunday School, Baptist Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood, shall be held during the associational year under the leadership of the associational officers. The purpose of these meetings shall be the promotion of the missionary enterprise through the work of the individual organizations.

Article VI. OFFICERS

The officers of the association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Historian, Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, W. M. U. President, Brotherhood President, Director of Music, three Trustees, and Publicity Chairman.

Article VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

The standing committees of the association shall be as follows: Executive, Nominating, Program, Membership, Resolutions, Extension, Finance, Time and Place, Christian Life, and Evangelism.

Article VIII. AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended on the first day of the annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the messengers present provided that such amendment, alteration or repeal shall have been presented in writing at the previous annual meeting.

BY-LAWS

Article I. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Application from Missionary Baptist Churches desiring membership in the association shall be in the hands of the membership committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting. This committee shall report on the first day of the annual meeting. Messengers of the applying churches may be seated upon its acceptance into the membership of the association by two-thirds majority vote.

Section 2. Member churches, at the close of the associational year, shall send annually to the association a report relative to the location, dates of preaching, membership, baptisms, revivals and other information. Forms for the gathering of this information will be furnished by the clerk of the association.

Article II. MEETINGS

Section 1. The annual meeting of the association shall be held on Thursday and Friday following the third Sunday in October.

Section 2. The association year shall close on September 30.

Section 3. Reports to the annual meeting of the association, with the exception of the report of the Executive Committee, shall be limited to 300 words.

Section 4. Parliamentary procedure of all meetings of the association and its Executive Committee shall be in accordance with Kerfoot's "Parliamentary Practice."

Section 5. Business sessions of the association shall be composed of messengers from the member churches. Each member church shall send three messengers for the first 100 members of the church and one messenger for each additional 100 members or major fraction thereof.

Article III. ELECTION AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers of the association shall be elected by majority vote. The Moderator and Vice-Moderator shall be nominated from the floor. Other officers

shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. Nominations by the Nominating Committee, however, shall not preclude nominations from the floor. All officers shall assume their duties at the close of the annual meeting. Vacancies occurring between meetings of the association shall be filled by the Executive Committee upon nomination from the Nominating Committee.

Section 2. The Moderator shall preside over the annual meetings of the association and all meetings of the Executive Committee. He may, by fraternal visitation, counsel and advise with the churches regarding the work of the association during the year. He shall not be eligible to succeed himself after the third successive term. He is ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 3. The Vice-Moderator shall assist the Moderator in ways designated by the Moderator.

Section 4. The Clerk shall keep all records of the association, distribute report blanks to the clerks of member churches, make accurate record of the proceedings of the body in session, and prepare and issue the minutes as soon as possible after the annual meeting of the association. He shall also serve as Clerk of the Executive Committee.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall receive, deposit and disburse all funds of the association as designated by the association or its Executive Committee. He shall report quarterly to the Executive Committee and present an audited report at the annual meeting of the Association. The Treasurer shall calculate the quota of each church in the support of the budget according to the financial plan of the association and notify member churches as to the amount of their quota.

Section 6. The Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, W. M. U. President and Brotherhood President shall promote the work of their respective organizations, lead educational and inspirational meetings for their organizations, and encourage the organization of new units in the member churches of the association.

Section 7. The Director of Music shall assist in developing better music in member churches. He shall be responsible for the music at all meetings of the association and its Executive Committee; leading the music, providing accompaniment and arranging for special music.

Section 8. The Trustees shall be the legal representatives of the association in all matters relating to law, sign all legal documents as directed by the association and/or the Executive Committee. They shall have the power, under instructions of the association and/or the Executive Committee, to hold, buy, sell and convey property, both real and personal and to sign all papers necessary for the purchase of conveyance. The Trustees shall administer the Scholarship fund.

Section 9. The Historian shall record as a part of the permanent record of the association those facts and events that are of historical value to the association.

Article IV. ELECTION AND DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. All standing committees of the association, with the exception of the Executive Committee, shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the

messengers present at the annual meeting. All standing committees, with the exception of the Executive and Nominating Committees, shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee, shall be nominated from the floor.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Association, and the pastor and one layman from each church of the association. The officers of the association shall be the officers of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once quarterly on Friday following the fourth Sunday of the second month of each quarter. The duty of the Executive Committee shall be to conduct the affairs of the association between its annual meetings. It shall supervise the work of the standing committees of the association and be empowered to appoint such other temporary committees as are necessary for the effective carrying out of the work of the association.

Section 3. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members. It shall nominate the officers of the association, with the exception of the Executive and Nominating Committees.

Section 4. The Program Committee shall consist of five members, including the host pastor or pastors and associational Director of Music. This committee shall prepare and distribute to member churches a copy of the suggested program for the annual meeting at least 30 days before the meeting.

Section 5. The Membership Committee shall consist of five members. It shall receive and consider all petitionary letters regarding churches seeking membership in the association. It shall investigate and make recommendations concerning any complaints relative to the fellowship and cooperation of member churches.

Section 6. The Resolutions Committee shall consist of five members. It shall draft all resolutions directed to it and others as it deems wise.

Section 7. The Extension Committee shall consist of five members. The work of this committee shall be to discover places for mission churches.

Section 8. The Finance Committee shall consist of four members and the Treasurer as ex-officio chairman. This committee shall prepare a proposed budget for the association. It shall also recommend a financial plan for subscribing the budget.

Section 9. The Place and Preacher Committee shall consist of five members. It shall receive invitations and recommend places for the annual meeting of the association. It also shall recommend a preacher and an alternate for the annual sermon.

Section 10. The Christian Life Committee shall consist of five members. It shall keep abreast of the moral level of the life of the community. It shall lead the association in Christian conduct, cooperating with other groups, such as, The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, The Allied Church League, the Citizens' Committee for Good Government, working for the moral improvement of the Christian life of the community.

Article V. AMENDMENTS

The By-Laws may be altered or amended at any business session of the association by two-thirds vote of the messengers present provided that a minimum of 30 days' notice have been given to each of the member churches.

Proceedings

FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

THURSDAY MORNING

October 22, 1959

1. The fourth annual session of Theron Rankin Baptist Association convened with the Catawba Church. David O. Byler directed the singing and James Snyder was at the piano. Following the singing of the Hymns, "We're Marching To Zion" and "Send the Light," J. Louis Price gave the devotional reading from I Thessalonians.

2. The Moderator, J. Howard Cates, announced the fourth annual session was ready to transact business. The Registration chairman, V. H. White, reported 114 messengers and 31 visitors were present for the opening period. On motion it was voted that those registered and those who would register constitute the voting body of this session.

3. The host pastor, B. A. Cooper, extended a cordial welcome to those attending. It was voted that the printed program be adopted as the order of service. Among the visitors recognized were L. H. Hollingsworth of Wake Forest College and Harvey Lance from Mar Hill College.

PROGRAM

Thursday Morning—October 22, 1959

Catawba Baptist Church

"... teaching them to observe ... Through a Program of Cooperation"

- 10:00—Praise and Prayer.....J. Louis Price
10:10—Organization and Report of Program committee
10:30—Teaching and Training in North Carolina
 Christian Literature.....James M. Wilder
 Baptist Hospital.....Fritz D. Hemphill
 Homes for the Aging.....Mrs. W. T. Stevenson
 Children's Homes.....Ted L. Starnes
 Christian Education.....L. Vernon Connell
 Hymn
11:00—Address.....L. H. Hollingsworth, Wake Forest College
11:30—Hymn
11:35—Music Report.....David O. Byler
11:45—Special Music
11:55—Annual Sermon.....B. R. Holbrook
 Alternate.....T. W. Nelson
12:30—Lunch

Thursday Afternoon

“ . . . teaching them to observe . . . Through Greater Homeland Proclamation ”

- 1:45—Praise and Prayer.....W. W. Marr
- 1:55—Home Missions Report.....Matt L. Hastings
- 2:00—Ministers Retirement.....J. D. Compton
- 2:05—Training Union Report.....William E. Melvin
- 2:15—Business Session

Hymn

- 2:40—State Missions Report.....Albert A. Young
- 2:50—Evangelism Report.....B. R. Holbrook

Hymn

- 3:00—Address.....Douglas M. Branch, Raleigh
- 3:30—Adjourn

Thursday Evening—October 22, 1959

First Baptist Church, Hickory

“ . . . teaching them to observe . . . Through World-wide Witnessing ”

- 7:15—Praise and Prayer.....W. S. Elliott
- 7:30—Brotherhood Report.....G. Wayne DeHart
- 7:35—Address.....Donald Adcox, Hendersonville
- 8:00—Hymn
- 8:05—W. M. U. Report.....Mrs. B. R. Holbrook
- 8:15—Foreign Missions Report.....Mrs. Rose Wolff
- 8:20—Special Music
- 8:25—Address.....Dr. Elmer S. West, Jr., Richmond, Va.
- 9:00—Adjourn

Friday Morning—October 23, 1959

“ . . . teaching and training . . . Unto a Full-grown Christian ”

- 10:00—Praise and Prayer.....Robert L. Huff
- 10:10—Sunday School Report.....T. W. Nelson
- 10:15—Address.....Jack Bagwell, Raleigh
- Hymn
- 10:40—Business Session
- 11:00—Memorial Service.....E. F. Sullivan
- 11:15—American Bible Society.....B. A. Cooper
- 11:25—Miscellaneous Business
- 11:40—Hymn
- 11:45—Christian Life Committee.....G. Othell Hand
- 11:55—Special Music

12:00—Address.....M. Ray McKay, Southeastern Baptist
Theological Seminary

12:30—Lunch

Adjourn

4. The new pastors and workers who have come into the association since the last annual session were presented by T. W. Nelson. They are: Hampton Seronce, Claremont; Robert L. Huff, Director of Education and Youth Activities at Viewmont; James W. Snyder, Director of Music and Education at Highland; Miss Helen Cater, Educational Secretary at West Hickory; Kenneth M. Bowen at Startown; Robert P. Laws at Wayside. Miss Anne Feltner, Director Education at First, Hickory and Glenn Whitley, pastor at Oyama, were recognized but were not present at this particular session.

5. Following the procedure set up in 1958, a mimeographed book of reports was distributed to each messenger. Five minutes was given to each section with these speaking: Christian Literature, James M. Wilder; Baptist Hospital, Fritz D. Hemphill; Homes for the Aging, Albert A. Young; Children's Homes, Roger Williams from Mills Home Church; Christian Education, Harvy Lance, Mars Hill.

6. A motion to adopt the reports as printed in the book of reports was adopted.

7. Following the singing of the Hymn, "Our Best," L. H. Hollingsworth, Chaplain of Wake Forest College brought a message. Dr. Othell Hand led in prayer for the work of the various agencies of our Baptist State Convention.

8. The Hymn, "Crown Him With Many Crowns," was sung and a report showed 129 messengers registered and 52 visitors with all churches represented except Springs Road.

9. David O. Byler presented the music report after which he called for all the pastors present to come forward and form a choir for special music. Without previous rehearsal they sang "Standing On the Promises" in a very uplifting way.

10. B. A. Cooper made announcement concerning the lunch to be served following the morning session.

11. Following the reading of Scripture, Eddie Holbrook sang "I'd Rather Have Jesus." The annual sermon was preached by B. R. Holbrook using as his topic, "A Christian and His Mission."

12. A bountiful meal was served by the host church at the noon hour.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

13. A. F. Hegenbart led in singing the Hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." W. W. Marr read from Romans and led in prayer.

14. M. L. Hastings brought the report on Home Missions.

15. J. D. Compton gave the Ministers Retirement report.

16. Frelon Broome presented the Training Union report and announced a Vocational Guidance Conference at First, Hickory on November 19th and "M" Night on December 8th with Dr. Carl Bates from First Church, Charlotte as speaker.

17. Upon recommendation of the Membership Committee the Grace Baptist Church was received into the association and the First Baptist Church, Conover was received under the watchcare of the association this year.

18. The Treasurer's report and Finance Committee report was presented by Heath B. Marsh. These reports were adopted as printed in mimeographed form and distributed to the messengers.

19. The report of the Clerk was adopted as printed in the book of reports.

20. J. Howard Cates, chairman of the Executive Committee, presented his report as printed in the book of reports and this was adopted.

21. A motion was adopted that we appoint a committee to investigate the possibility of buying a cottage at Ridgecrest and report back to the association next year.

22. The report for the Extension Committee given by O. Jack Murphy was adopted.

23. The State Missions report given by Albert A. Young was adopted.

24. The Evangelism report presented by B. R. Holbrook was also adopted.

25. Following the singing of "Higher Ground," the registrar reported 133 messengers and 60 visitors registered.

26. Albert A. Young presented Dr. Douglas M. Branch, General Secretary for the Baptist State Convention, who brought a message.

27. Fritz D. Hemphill led in the closing prayer in which Dr. C. C. Warren who had suffered a heart attack was remembered.

THURSDAY EVENING

28. The evening session convened at First Baptist Church, Hickory.

29. Following the singing of "The Solid Rock" W. S. Elliott read from John

21. David O. Byler brought greetings from the host church.

30. The Brotherhood report presented by Wayne DeHart was adopted with Donald Adcox of Hendersonville and State Brotherhood President speaking.

31. Following the singing of the Hymn, "Rescue the Perishing," the W.M.U. report as presented by Mrs. B. R. Holbrook was adopted.

32. Mrs. Rose Wolff presented the Foreign Mission report which was adopted. Dr. Elmer West, Personnel Secretary for the Foreign Mission Board, read from John 17 (a favorite Scripture of Dr. M. Theron Rankin) and brought the closing message of the evening.

FRIDAY MORNING

October 23, 1959

First Church, Hickory

33. The Friday session convened at First Church, Hickory. Following the singing of "Wonderful Words of Life" and "Trust and Obey" Robert L. Huff read from Ephesians 4 and led in prayer.

34. T. W. Nelson presented the Sunday School report which was adopted and presented Jack Bagwell from the State Sunday School department who brought a message.

35. The Place and Preacher Committee brought the following report: First Day: East Hickory; Second Day (and Evening of First Day): Viewmont; Annual Sermon: James M. Wilder; alternate: Albert A. Young.

36. The report of the Historian was given by J. D. Greene and was adopted.

37. The nominating committee report was adopted as printed in the book of reports.

38. These officers were elected by nominations from the floor: Moderator, J. Howard Cates by acclamation; Vice Moderator, B. A. Cooper by acclamation.

39. The nominating committee was elected by nominations from the floor: Dr. G. Othell Hand, Ted L. Starnes, Matt L. Hastings, W. S. Elliott, B. R. Holbrook.

40. The Moderator appointed a special committee to serve as follows: Public Relations Committee: Albert A. Young, James Helvey, W. S. Elliott, Frank Poovey.

41. E. F. Sullivan conducted the memorial service with Dwight Robinson bringing special music.

42. The American Bible Society report was adopted.

43. The Moderator appointed the following to serve on the committee to investigate buying a cottage at Ridgecrest and report back to the association next year: T. W. Nelson, Chmn., Frelon W. Broome, Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, Wayne DeHart, E. Murray Tate, Jr.

44. E. Murray Tate, Jr. presented the Trustees' report which was adopted.

45. Fritz D. Hemphill served notice that he would ask for changes in the Constitution and By-Laws at the next annual session.

46. A motion was accepted that we have an option on the property owned by H. B. Marsh and adjacent to our Viewmont property with the Trustees carrying out this motion.

47. A clarification was made that the church taken under the watchcare of the association was the First Baptist Church, Conover and not the mission sponsored by the East Hickory Church in Conover.

48. The Resolutions Committee chairman, W. S. Elliott, presented their report which was adopted.

49. Following singing of "Make Me A Channel Of Blessing" G. Othell Hand made announcement concerning the lunch to be served at noon.

50. G. Othell Hand presented the Christian Life report.

51. Miss Anne Feltner sang "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go" and Dr. M. Ray McKay from Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest brought a message.

52. A motion was made and accepted that the Minutes of this year be dedicated to the memory of Thomas P. Pruitt, Sr.

53. Following adjournment a bountiful lunch was served by the host church.

REPORTS

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

JAMES M. WILDER

In writing to Timothy, the Apostle Paul said, "Give attention to reading." In that day the people had no newspapers, no magazines, no printing presses. But they had to read to find truth. Never before has there been so much to read as we have today. Much of this flood of reading matter is bad; so Christian people must continually cast aside the evil and turn to that which is good. The Bible, of course, occupies first place always as we read in search for truth. All Christian literature must forever be dedicated to the furtherance of the Gospel or it fails in its noble purpose.

The flood of obscene, degrading literature has become so heavy on news-stands and in the mails that the United States Post Office Department has cracked down in its nationwide efforts to break it up. The printed page has great power for good, and also great power for evil. Money-hungry publishers without Christian motives are pouring out obscene printed matter like a stream of poison to capture the minds of all who will stop, look and read. Baptists have no need to buy or read such literature for they have an immense volume of clean, uplifting Christian literature coming from Baptist presses and other sources to suit every age and need.

The BIBLICAL RECORDER, serving North Carolina Baptists since 1833, covers the entire field of our cooperative efforts, and without it a successful promotion of all our work would be impossible. The COMMISSION and SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOME MISSIONS enable us to be informed about the work of the Foreign and Home Mission Boards. HOME LIFE helps to build stronger Christian homes. These and other Baptist publications inform, indoctrinate, enlist, inspire and unify our Baptist forces for the Lord's work.

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

FRITZ D. HEMPHILL

Our Baptist Hospital seeks to serve our people with a complete program of specialized medical care for all who need it. Our people go in great numbers, with all types of serious illness, from all walks of life, and in all financial circumstances, to receive the ministry of our Baptist medical center. A constant effort is made to keep it personal and Christian in its care of sick people.

Last year Service Patients from 95 countries of the State made over 66,000 visits to the 31 clinics of the Out-Patient Department, which is open to families not able to pay the full cost of their medical care. About the same number of office visits was made by Private or full-pay patients. More than 16,000 sick persons were hospitalized for 132,000 days of bed care.

Forty per cent of the hospital service is rendered the patients who go to the Out-Patient Clinic or who enter the hospital through the Out-Patient Department. The services of the physicians are free to all these patients, but the hospital charges must be paid unless other arrangements are made by the family.

Last year the hospital spent well over one million dollars in the care of these Service Patients. The Mother's Day Fund, along with the welfare funds and assistance from other agencies and foundations, enables the hospital to provide more than half of this service free for our very poor people. The Mother's Day Fund alone, however, has not covered the full cost of the care of even the most needy.

We need to lay upon the hearts of our members the necessity of the Mother's Day Fund, if our Baptist Hospital is to provide this important service for our poorer people.

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOMES FOR AGING

MRS. W. TURNER STEVENSON

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me." Matt. 25:40

The ninth year of operation of the Baptist Homes for Aging began March 16, 1959. All three of the Homes—Resthaven, Albemarle, and Headquarters—have had a good year, with all filled to capacity most of the time. Counting residents and helpers we now have 119 in these Homes. The waiting list is still full.

Since the average age of these residents is about 80 years, we have several deaths each year. One of our most lovable and respected residents, "Uncle" John T. Holt, died July 13th. Had he lived until next February, Uncle John would have been 100 years old.

God's favor has been with our Homes this year and they have made encouraging progress. All the necessary funds to build a fourth Home in Eastern Carolina were not raised, but the feeling is that the money will come in this year and then work can begin on the Home. The land has already been given and most of the \$150,000.00 raised.

Another bright spot for our Homes is the enlargement of the infirmary at Headquarters. Construction of 28 additional bedrooms should begin by October.

Two of the most pressing needs of the Homes are (1) to finish raising the money for the new Home at Hamilton, N. C. and (2) about \$75,000.00 to cover the balance needed to pay for the additional facilities in the infirmary. We need a total amount of \$150,000.00 to finish these two projects. When these are realized, Baptists of North Carolina will have a total capacity of all the Homes for 170 residents.

Would you like to have a part in helping make these plans become a reality? Every church in our Association can and should make a worthy contribution to our Homes for the Aging. All connected with our Homes are most grateful to churches, individuals, and businesses for the help given. By giving we offer to our aging citizens security, comfort, congeniality, and a Christian ministry.

NORTH CAROLINA CHILDREN'S HOMES

TED L. STARNES

Our Baptist Children's Homes are continuing their growth through the ministry Home, have ministered to well over 1,000 children. Many of these children come of North Carolina. In the past year our two homes, Kennedy Home and Mills

to the homes with their emotional stability seriously damaged, and well trained personnel is necessary to minister to them effectively. Many others come from broken homes and find a Christian ministry couched in the love of our Saviour awaiting them in our two homes. The picture has changed so much in the past few years that only a very small percentage of the children are orphan children. Odum Home has 16 enrolled and doing a wonderful job.

As we look at these and other facts we find that even though our ministry to children is growing, it is not growing fast enough to meet the increased need. We only admit about one out of every four applicants in our two homes. These that are admitted and those whom we must reject due to the lack of funds will be the citizens and Christians of tomorrow. The thoughts are sobering and our response to this need will have its part to play in the history of North Carolina Baptists.

It's time to act! Our Thanksgiving offering has been on the increase for which we should thank God. These offering increases, however, have not been a true reflection of the increased blessings of our Lord. The only way to meet this increased need is to plan individually and collectively to do something about it. What are YOU willing to do? Our cooperative program dollar that goes to our Homes is a *fixed* amount each year, but in our churches we have ample time before our Thanksgiving offering to do a lot of fixing in behalf of the Children's Homes. If we will allow the Holy Spirit to *fix our heart, fix our vision of the need, fix our faith to include compassion*, then, and only then, will the Holy Spirit *fix the purse strings* of North Carolina Baptists to meet this need. When you kneel to pray and give thanks for your blessings, think of the needs of the Children's Homes and give liberally on Thanksgiving Day.

"And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matt. 25:40

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

L. VERNON CONNELL

Christian Education in our Southern Baptist Convention is gaining in interest and momentum. Reports come from almost all the states in our Convention, showing unmistakable signs of increased importance placed on Christian Education in our churches.

We, as church leaders, must not place the responsibility or depend upon our public schools to teach our boys and girls of secondary school age, the Christian values we deem so necessary.

Realizing that education is incomplete without religion, and that Christian education is our nations' only hope, Southern Baptists include in their program the teaching ministry of the Christian home, the local church and its varied programs, and the Baptist schools and colleges supported by our convention.

In this report we are considering Christian Education in terms of our seven Baptist Colleges in North Carolina. They are: Wake Forest, 1834; Chowan, 1848; Mars Hill, 1856; Campbell, 1887; Wingate, 1896; Meredith, 1899; Gardner-Webb, 1907.

As a group these seven colleges now constitute a program of higher education, second only to Texas among all the states in our Southern Baptist territory. In

these seven colleges are enrolled each year nearly 8,000 students or more than one-eighth of all college students in North Carolina.

With all the progress we have made in enlarging the facilities of these seven colleges, we are providing for only one of every four Baptist youths going to college. However, consideration is being given to the possibility of changing the status of some of the two year colleges to four year colleges.

Our college young people must be convinced that academically our Baptist colleges are as good as the best and that they also provide for them what present day young people expect and demand in a college community. As Baptist church leaders and parents of these young people, we want our colleges to be genuinely Christian and to present a positive Christian witness at all times and in all respects.

The annual operating budgets total more than \$10,000,000, of which we as Baptists through our offerings, provide approximately five per cent. Students, through tuition and fees, pay approximately 60 per cent and the remaining 35 per cent comes from endowment and gifts. With the increasing cost of education, let us give more generously through the cooperative program and to the special offering on Father's Day for Christian Education. Baptists of means are urged to make special donations to our colleges.

MUSIC REPORT

DAVID O. BYLER

Aware of the Psalmist's injunction, "Let the people praise Thee, O God, let all the people praise Thee!" we have endeavored to project a worthy Ministry of Music in the Theron Rankin Association, comparable to the best quality work being done throughout North Carolina. Some of the activities which have characterized this program are listed as follows:

Four meetings of the Music Committee held quarterly in which plans were made for the activities of the year.

The Associational Choir brought special music at the annual meeting at Viewmont Church and each evening during the Central Training School. 115 were enrolled in this choir with four rehearsals being held and average attendance of 75 at the rehearsals.

Two Hymn Sings were held during the year. The first one was during the Central Training School in February with 1,244 attending. Two group Sings were held on September 6th with approximately 300 attending at West Hickory and approximately 50 at Newton, First Church.

On April 6th a Music Conference (Dinner meeting) was held at Penelope Church with 13 churches represented and 63 attending. On August 17th a Music Conference (also a Dinner meeting) was held at First Church, Hickory with 23 people from 9 churches attending this meeting.

Music emphasis in our churches has increased during the past year. Five of our churches now have full time staff members who are ministers of music. They are: David O. Byler, First, Hickory; James Snyder, Highland; Fred A. Lane, Penelope; Alex F. Hegenbart, West Hickory; Harry Forbes, First, Newton. Excellent work is being done by part-time music directors in the development of the graded choir program. A large number of our churches observed September as Church Music Month, and other emphasis of the Southern Baptist Music

Program. Six churches of our association were represented at the Regional Music Festival held at First Church, Hickory, with 15 choirs participating. Several churches shared in the State Music Festival at Wake Forest College last Spring.

It is recommended that all of our churches make fuller use of the "Church Musician," monthly trade journal, from Nashville, and other pamphlets and promotional materials which enhance the local ministry of music. All these materials except the "Church Musician" are available free of charge upon request to the State office: Write Mr. Joe Stroud, Music Secretary; 301 Hillsboro Street; Raleigh, North Carolina.

It is further recommended that our churches take advantage of the marvelous facilities and South-wide leadership available at Ridgecrest by way of day trips, choir excursions and delegations during Music Week, June 30-July 6, 1960. In addition to Ridgecrest, our State Assemblies at Fruitland and Caswell, offer excellent opportunities for leadership as well as training for the individual choir member.

HOME MISSIONS

MATT L. HASTINGS

The Home Mission Board is our channel for viewing Home Missions, but this is only part of the story. The Home Mission Board exists because of your gifts and prayers and desires to reach souls for Christ. This is our channel of service in missions and evangelism in the homeland.

Evangelizing the multitudes, ministering to the military, providing funds for buildings and equipment, surveying the field, increasing work with all groups in cities, in pioneer areas and in every association, reaching the language groups and Negroes with a more effective message, are some of the areas of work of our Home Mission Board.

Through a program of evangelism which breathes new life into millions, you have a channel for sharing the Gospel. This program, operated Convention-wide, on a co-operative basis with State conventions, has resulted in increased aims toward the conservation of Baptist membership and increase in baptisms. A church-centered, year-round program of personal witnessing trains church members in soul-winning.

As we view the tremendous campaign for 30,000 new missions and churches by 1964, the year of the Third Jubilee Celebration, you can feel that you have had a part in each one. This cooperative effort by your Home Mission Board, Sunday School Board, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood Commission, strives to establish more and better preaching stations. Every church member is encouraged to see the needs around him and fill those needs with Christ.

As more souls are reached and enlisted, more money is needed to provide places of worship. Through funds made available to new churches and missions, you are there to supply adequate buildings and equipment. Over \$7,000,000.00 is now outstanding in church loans.

Every Home Mission activity is centered in your church. Every Home Mission program is your responsibility. Your channel of service is extended throughout every association in the Convention. And effective church life is being established in rural communities, mountain areas and large cities. New missions and churches are being established in places where they are direly needed. Many

people are reached through more than 68 City Mission programs. These City Mission Programs have allowed for the expansion of work with Jews, juvenile delinquents, broken homes and in Rescue Missions and Good Will Centers. New York, Chicago, Des Moines, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, San Francisco, are only a few of the large metropolitan areas where Southern Baptist work has recently been started.

Wherever a home missionary goes and whatever the bounds of a Home Mission Board program, you are there. These are expressions of your concern for lost people, for churchless people. Through the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions you are finding a clear channel for helping to advance Home Missions.

MINISTERS RETIREMENT

J. D. COMPTON

More than 5,300 retired or disabled ministers and denominational workers or widows are receiving benefits from the Annuity Board.

Certificates were issued to 3,113 new members in all the Board's protection plans in 1958. A total of 1,047 new churches and employers were enlisted during 1958.

With the increase in new members as recorded above, there are still more than 60% of our Southern Baptist pastors not covered by the Annuity Board's protection program. Until this percentage is greatly reduced or eliminated completely, the Board is not fulfilling its purpose of providing security and protection for every Southern Baptist Minister and church. The Annuity Board is asking the local church's help in seeing that every pastor and church has this protection plan. Each church is being asked to enroll its pastor in the protection, paying two-thirds of the cost of the plan. The state convention has already agreed to pay one-third of every pastor in its state.

We have a total of 208 annuitants now receiving benefits from the plan. In addition to the annuitants, 126 aged ministers or their widows are receiving direct relief grants amounting to \$17,932 annually.

Much work is yet to be done and our services are available to the pastors and churches.

Write O. J. Hagler, Secretary of Retirement Plans in North Carolina, Baptist Building, Raleigh, N. C., for further details.

TRAINING UNION

WILLIAM E. MELVIN

For the second year the number of churches and Training Unions have remained constant. We have twenty-nine churches, two with missions. They are Midway Mission of Sandy Ridge and Conover Mission of East Hickory.

Community Baptist Church is in the later stage of forming a Training Union.

No written report was received on the number of our people attending the Training Union Assemblies, but indications are that attendance was good.

"M" Night was the first big event of the year, being held at First Church, Hickory. An attendance of 500 was present from all churches to hear Dr. A. L. Parker, president of our State Convention. The second event was "Youth Week." The churches joined together in a retreat at the Advent Christian Camp

on Lake Hickory with 175 youth present. "Youth Night," April 23, was held at First Church, Hickory with 350 participating from the churches.

For the first time our association sponsored an Officers and Leaders clinic at Highland Church for the Ushers, Treasurers, Clerks and Church Council for the 29 churches.

Paul, the chosen of God, said, "I press forward to the mark of the high calling of God." Your associational officers pray each Christian will find a greater desire to work for the mark which God has called each to. You can learn to be a better Christian and attain this mark by attending Training Union. Avail your services to the Master by supporting your new associational director.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

JAMES HELVEY

The Membership Committee has two recommendations to make this year concerning requests for membership in the Theron Rankin Baptist Association.

Members of the Membership Committee along with the Moderator of the Association met with the pastors and members of two churches to discuss the privileges and responsibilities of cooperating with the Theron Rankin Association of Baptist churches. As a result of these conferences, we recommend:

First, that the Grace Baptist Church, which has been under the watchcare of the association for two years, be received as a cooperating member.

Second, that the First Baptist Church of Conover, which has previously held membership in our association, be received back under the watchcare of the association this year.

REPORT OF TREASURER AND FINANCE COMMITTEE THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

October 22, 1959

Church	Budget 1958-59	Total Receipts 1958-59	Budget 1959-60
Brookford	\$ 100.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
Catawba	156.00	150.00	156.00
Claremont	36.00	36.00	36.00
Corinth	120.00	130.00	210.00
Grace			48.00
Hickory, Calvary	150.00		150.00
Community	72.00		24.00
East Hickory	240.00	204.00	204.00
East Hky. Mission		52.00	24.00
Hickory First	1,500.00	1,125.00	1,500.00
Highland	720.00	709.00	720.00
Longview	120.00	120.00	120.00
Oakland Hgts.	90.00		42.00
Penelope	780.00	416.13	780.00
Springs Road	36.00		50.00
Temple	240.00	100.00	240.00
Viewmont	800.00	600.00	800.00
West Hickory	800.00	625.00	800.00
Hildebran First	396.00	396.00	396.00

Icard	156.00	156.00	156.00
Mountain Grove	204.00	204.00	204.00
Newton First	780.00	405.00	780.00
North Newton	228.00	195.03	228.00
Oyama		24.00	24.00
Providence	132.00	132.00	132.00
Sandy Ridge	204.00	182.00	204.00
Midway Mission			12.00
Startown	24.00	25.00	24.00
Sweetwater	60.00	60.00	60.00
Warlick's	240.00	50.00	240.00
Wayside	60.00	60.00	60.00
Misc. Receipts		624.80	
Totals:	<u>\$8,444.00</u>	<u>\$6,840.96</u>	<u>\$8,394.00</u>

DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET

Item	Budget 1958-59	Expenses 1958-59	Budget 1959-60
Sunday School	\$ 150.00	\$ 116.84	\$ 150.00
Training Union	200.00	145.04	200.00
WMU	250.00	250.00	300.00
Brotherhood			100.00
Music	200.00	139.43	200.00
(Sale of Books)		104.30	
Printing & Postage	300.00	60.70	250.00
Baptist Hour	936.00	504.00	
Churches Entertaining	250.00	250.00	250.00
BSU, Lenoir Rhyne	200.00	200.00	200.00
Scholarship	350.00	350.00	350.00
Minutes	500.00	467.57	500.00
Clerk	250.00	250.00	250.00
Treasurer	50.00	50.00	50.00
Central Training School	525.00	492.60	500.00
(Sale of books)		427.00	
Revivals	1,500.00	901.82	
Youth Work	200.00	174.00	200.00
Laymens Revivals	200.00	130.00	
Real Estate		6,500.00	
Repairs on Real Estate		1,309.81	
Insurance on Real Estate ...		40.60	
Direct Missions	1,783.00	110.00	4,794.00
Totals:	<u>\$8,444.00</u>	<u>\$13,037.15</u>	<u>\$8,294.00</u>
Band Balance: (9/30/58)		\$6,023.53	
Rects. for year		6,840.96	
Total		<u>\$12,864.49</u>	
Expenses for year		\$13,037.15	
Bank Bal. end of year:			
(Overdraft: \$172.66)			
H. B. Marsh, Treasurer			

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**J. HOWARD CATES**

In conducting the affairs of the association during the past year the Executive Committee held four regular meetings and one call meeting. The Moderator presided at all sessions but the one of August 18, 1959 when the Vice-Moderator, B. A. Cooper, presided.

The following is a brief summary of the major actions of this body:

November, 1958: adopted the calendar of activities for 1960.

After hearing a report by the Extension Committee of their meeting with Rev. E. C. Upchurch of the Church Development Department of the State Convention, a motion was passed instructing the Moderator and Extension Committee to call a meeting of people in the Conover area who were interested in starting a Baptist work. If the response and interest were sufficient, a report would be made at a call meeting of the Executive committee.

A call meeting was held December 15 at which time endorsement was given an application of Springs Road Church for aid from State Mission Board. Adopted a recommendation from the Extension committee that a Baptist mission be established in Conover and approved East Hickory as the sponsoring church. Approved the recommendation of the Extension Committee that a census be taken of the area lying North of Hutto's Store on N. C. highway 127 to the Catawba River by the First Baptist Church of Hickory.

Planned for a Clinic on the Forward Program of Church Finance to be conducted by the Promotion Department of our State Convention and held May 25-26 at Viewmont Church.

Adopted a motion to make a cash gift to Dr. and Mrs. J. T. McRae; amount to be determined by the Finance Committee and taken from mission fund.

Approved an Associational Evangelistic Rally to be held on March 8th at First Church, Hickory, Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, speaker.

On May 12th, received a report from the Extension Committee of the census in the area North of Hutto's store. The census, taken by Hickory, First and tabulated by West Hickory, revealed there were in the area: 170 Baptists; 87 Baptist preference and 50 of other denominations. No action was taken on the report.

Because of the small group listening, it was decided to drop the Baptist Hour on WHKY. The Moderator appointed a Radio Committee of A. A. Young, H. B. Marsh, W. S. Elliott, to study other possible programs or more acceptable time.

Endorsed application of Oyama Church for State aid.

On August 18th approved recommendation of the Extension Committee that the association purchase a house and lot (75' x 218') on Highway 127, North, at the price of \$6,500.

Decided not to engage in Simultaneous Revival in 1960 but to plan for one in the Spring of 1961.

EXTENSION COMMITTEE**O. JACK MURPHY**

"You shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem and Samaria." We have taken seriously these words of our Lord and we have sought to expand our World

Program within our area. To this end we have labored diligently and the results have been gratifying.

Two surveys have been made—in the town of Conover and in the Viewmont extended area. Both surveys indicated the fact that opportunities for an enlarged Mission Program were at hand now.

At the beginning of 1959 a mission was organized in Conover authorized by the association and sponsored by the East Hickory Baptist Church. This mission work has made progress both in enlistment, stewardship and evangelism and they are now entertaining the idea of purchasing a spacious site for a future House of Worship.

In the Viewmont area adjoining the Marsh Farm, we have purchased a lot 75 feet wide and 150 feet deep facing Highway 127. There is a very modest little house on this lot which is being renovated. At the present time this house will be rented and the proceeds will be deposited to the account of our Missions and Extension Program of the Association. This, at present, is the beginning of further Extension work in the Viewmont area extended.

If there are areas within our Association in which a mission could be established with advantage to evangelism and enlistment, please contact your Extension committee and a survey will be made.

We are grateful to all of you who have had the great Extension Movement, a part of the 30,000 Movement, on your hearts.

STATE MISSIONS

ALBERT A. YOUNG

What: State Missions is the effort of North Carolina Baptists to reach the unsaved and train the saved for Christian service throughout the world.

Why: About 60 per cent of the 4,600,000 people in North Carolina above 8 years of age are lost. North Carolina then, with our 880,000 Baptist church members, is not half Christian. This startling fact demands action.

How: State Missions properly supported, works through God-given channels such as the Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood, Church Development and Music Departments to reach, win and train people. If 60 per cent of the people of North Carolina are unsaved, this makes the Department of Evangelism all the more significant, as is the mission of providing new church buildings and sites which State Missions does. Six out of every 10 Baptist churches in North Carolina have been assisted one or more ways through State Missions.

Pastor's Schools, a ministry through our colored friends and to the silent people is also provided. The Christian Action League, Caswell Assembly, and Fruitland Camp where more than eight thousand people attended the past summer, are supported by State Missions.

Other avenues of service by State Missions are a Baptist Student Program among 22,000 Baptist students in various schools of our state, and the department of church planning where guidance for building adequate and functional church buildings can be had.

How can these 20 and more ministries be supported? For a Baptist Church to cease to be missionary is to invite inner-confusion and eventual death. Just as the local church has no means of financial undergirding except through its

people who love the Lord and give because they are privileged to do so, just so, must State Missions be promoted and extended.

It is the purpose of North Carolina Baptists to see to it that these indispensable ministries of State Missions be supported to the end that North Carolina become Christian and that these Christians become informed and dedicated to the service of our Lord.

EVANGELISM REPORT

B. R. HOLBROOK

Evangelism is just another way of expressing the mission work in the Kingdom of our Lord. From the fall of man in Adam until the final salvation of man in Christ, evangelism is the method of God to be used in bringing man to complete redemption in Him. Jesus was announced by His forerunner, John the Baptist, as he came preaching, "Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." After His baptism and temptation, Jesus used the same text as John. Later, Jesus added these words to His very pungent message, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which is lost." The mission of Christ was evangelism.

May we also add that the commission of Christ was evangelism. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

During the Jubilee Advance, 1959-64, Baptists of North America are making an effort to be obedient to the Great Commission by putting soul-winning to the front in a joint effort to evangelize America.

Our State Convention has received gratifying reports of the Simultaneous effort this year. Only one association in the State failed to participate. Figures show 15,000 baptisms, 20,000 total additions and 2,000 young people dedicated to full-time Christian service. The ratio of baptisms in the S. B. C. this year is 1-22; for North Carolina: 1-25.

Theron Rankin Association reports a good Simultaneous Revival with 24 of 28 churches participating. There were 220 baptisms, 78 transfers, making a total of 298. 32 others made professions. 1125 rededications and 21 dedications to full-time service were recorded. Our total this year is 535 baptisms and 594 by letter, etc. This is an increase. Our ratio of baptisms is 1-21, the same as the past two or three years. Temple Church made the best record last year; with 379 members, they baptized 40, a ratio of 1-9. However, some of our churches report a very low number of baptisms.

In our last Associational Executive Committee meeting it was voted not to join in Simultaneous effort in 1960 but to do so in 1961. Let us work fervently in our local churches to reach many for Christ in His name.

BROTHERHOOD REPORT

G. W. DEHART

During the year one new Brotherhood was organized, four Associational meetings were held, and, in May, our Association was host to the Regional Brotherhood Convention, at Hickory, First, attended by 1200 men. R. G. LaTourneau, "God's Businessman" and world-known inventor-industrialist was

featured speaker on the program following the theme of "Witnessing and Winning—The Master's Task For Dedicated Men." Other convention speakers included B. W. Jackson, State Associate Brotherhood Secretary and head of the Royal Ambassador work, and Donald Adcox, State Brotherhood President. The meeting was acclaimed the largest and greatest ever held in Region Eight, which includes 10 associations.

In an effort to teach our church members the value of their Christian testimonies, the Associational Brotherhood sponsored 12 Layman's Revivals in the association. The testimonies of pastors reflect genuine elation and enthusiasm over what this has done for their churches and our association as a whole. At least 20 laymen from our various Brotherhoods have participated in Lay Revivals by sharing their Christian experiences to lost people and delinquent church members in churches and communities outside our association, and on into areas covering 5 states.

The spirit of evangelism and enthusiasm is continuing in the churches and particularly in the Brotherhood organizations of our churches as the right emphasis is beginning to be placed back into their programs. Many Brotherhoods have reported starting weekly soul-winning visitation nights as a result.

There is a great spiritual awakening going on among God's people. God has put into our hands a powerful force. As pastors, as well as laymen seek to utilize this spiritual giant in the right way, its full meaning and importance will blossom out in real life before our eyes. Let's all dedicate ourselves to telling others about our Saviour. As God leads and gives the strength, let's pledge ourselves to this calling.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

MRS. B. R. HOLBROOK

Changes in our organization means growth. The Business Woman's Federation was dissolved in the state and association hoping to have a closer work among the women. All associational meetings have had excellent attendance with Mrs. John Oliver, Miss Ola Lee, Missionaries from Brazil and Taiwan, and Miss Bertie Lee Kendrick from Hawaii bringing inspiring messages.

Miss Beverly Neilson taught our Leadership Course for Sunbeam Band directors and leaders thus completing such courses for our youth groups. This year there is a WMS Leadership Course and we are urging each church to make it available to their members in classes or individual study.

At our annual meeting in April the following Associational WMU Aims For Advancement were adopted:

1. A set of Associational WMU By-laws adopted as a guide.
2. Training provided for local WMU leadership.
3. At least one WMU organization (a WMS, YWA, GA or Sunbeam Band) established in a church or mission where no one of these existed at the beginning of the year (October 1).
4. A net increase in the number of WMU organizations.

Leadership training makes a difference. We must start early to reach the goals set forth in the Third Jubilee Advance. These goals will challenge us to do a better work for our Master in this new year with emphasis on training.

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT

ROSE W. WOLFF

The greatest need in all the world can be met through Christian witnessing—a living testimony which speaks uncompromisingly and passionately of Christ as the only Saviour from sin. The people of the world are struggling with problems of life and death, and Southern Baptists know the one person who can meet all their needs—Christ Jesus! To witness of God's saving grace should not be just a part of our Christian life, but its compelling motive. The people of the world need the Christian witness and we, as Southern Baptists, are projecting the answer to this need through our Foreign Mission program, under the God-directed leadership of Dr. Baker James Cauthen.

The churches of our Association are keenly aware these days of the Forward Program, and any forward look in world missions is taken with gratitude for the achievements already made. In the July meeting of our Foreign Mission Board, 21 new missionaries were appointed; bringing the total number of appointees for this year to 140. In forty countries of our world, 1,355 Southern Baptist missionaries are bearing testimony that Christ Jesus is the hope of the world.

Many people ask, "Which is needed most—money or missionaries?" The answer is "both." More young people are responding to God's call for foreign mission service than ever before in our history. Dr. Cauthen firmly believes that before the 1964 Third Jubilee convenes, we will have reached our objective of 1,750 missionaries.

The worth-while things of life cost, and in order to meet the needs of our increased world mission program, a minimum of one million dollars increase in the missionary and current operations section of our 1960 budget will be necessary. This does not include money needed for the construction of churches, hospitals, and missionary residents on the various fields.

Each year, our Foreign Mission Board lays its plans for fulfilling these responsibilities on the firm base of the Cooperative Program. Every church in our Association that increases annually the proportion of its budget for missions through the Cooperative Program is helping strengthen that base. To increase your goal by just 2% each year is to accept the challenge of one of the Baptist Jubilee Advance Goals. As year by year we achieve the results of this Goal, which includes the Lottie Moon Offering, more missionaries can be sent to extend our witness to the world's people, who, otherwise, would never hear that Jesus saves.

As Southern Baptists, we thank God for the privilege of sharing His work with such heroes of faith as our missionaries. God grant each church in our Association strength when we need it to stand firm and vision when His command is "Forward." Then will Christ's command be fulfilled, "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me."

"Lord, lay some souls upon our hearts,
And love those souls through us,
And may we bravely bear our part
To win those souls for Thee."

SUNDAY SCHOOL

T. W. NELSON

The theme for our Sunday School work during the year of 1959-60 is "Teaching Them . . . All Things," which is the Commission Jesus gave His disciples as He sent them forth for Him. We are grateful for each church and worker for their cooperation in trying to improve their Sunday School work and as we look towards a new year together, may we strive for a greater advance in each church.

Our report this year is very encouraging as we see our association reporting 29 churches and 32 Sunday Schools with an enrolment of 11,644. Achievements this year include the following:

A new mission at Conover

21 churches observed January Bible Study

26 Vacation Bible Schools reported

26 churches reported Training Schools with a number of churches reporting work in the "Operation Home Study" plan.

6 Sunday Schools achieved the Standard of Excellence: namely: West Hickory, East Hickory, Penelope, Sandy Ridge, North Newton and Viewmont

We would like to suggest the following goals for 1959-60:

1. That we adopt this year the theme, "Teaching Them . . . All Things"
2. That each church be urged to start one new Sunday School in an unchurched area, provide a training program for workers including January Bible Study, Preparation Week and Operation Home Study, organize new classes and departments.
3. Participation of all Sunday School workers in the Associational Sunday School meetings each Fifth Sunday afternoon.
4. Hold a two weeks' Vacation Bible School and conduct a mission Bible School.

As we work together in our Association may we remember the words on our Sunday School emblem, "God's Word Is Light; Reach—Teach—Win—Develop," and make it our objective this year.

HISTORIAN

J. D. GREENE

There were few outstanding events to record during this fourth year of the Theron Rankin Association, but the work moved forward with increased interest along most all lines, and the possibilities for the future are still greater than the accomplishments of the past. East Hickory did an outstanding work in organizing and maintaining a mission at Conover. Also Sandy Ridge conducted a mission at the former Oxford Community Church, and Oakland Heights conducts a preaching station at the State Prison Camp, Taylorsville, N. C.

Hildebran, First Church conducted a double ordination service when two young men were ordained to the Gospel ministry. Tommy Stephens, a Junior at Lenoir Rhyne College and pastor of Wilkies Grove Church and Gerald Goodwin now pastor of Shermont Church, Danville, Virginia, and a Junior at Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, were ordained.

Several physical improvements were made which include a new sanctuary being

completed at Viewmont with a seating capacity of 800, with offices and additional educational facilities. Oyama is completing a six-room brick parsonage and Startown also purchased a home for the pastor. Penelope put air conditioning in the sanctuary.

There were several changes in personnel this year. Robert Huff joined the staff at Viewmont as director of educational and youth activities. Olin Hefner resigned as pastor at Icard and was succeeded by Wayne Riddle who begins work there on November 15th. Thomas Atnip resigned as pastor at Claremont in September and Hampton Seronce succeeded him. Glenn Whitley came to Oyama Church as pastor in February and Kenneth M. Bowen became pastor at Startown in November, 1958. Robert P. Laws came to Wayside as pastor in August succeeding Horace Harris. C. L. Pickler resigned the pastorate at Corinth in September. Miss Ann Feltner became educational director at Hickory, First on August 1st and Miss Helen Cater accepted the work of full time educational secretary at West Hickory.

The District Eight Brotherhood comprising ten associations met at Hickory, First on May 8th. A barbecue was served on the lawn to more than 1,200 men and R. G. LaTourneau brought an inspiring message to a capacity crowd in the church on the subject, "Partnership with God."

The Associational Central Training School was held at Hickory, First with an enrolment of 1,742 and average attendance of 1,319. 1,168 awards were earned. The Associational Music Training School was held at Highland Church April 27th to May 1st with an enrolment of 235 and an average attendance of 164. 105 awards were earned.

PLACE AND PREACHER COMMITTEE

V. H. WHITE

1960 Annual Session:

First Day:

(Evening Session)

Second Day:

Annual Sermon:

East Hickory

Viewmont

Viewmont

James M. Wilder

Alternate: Albert A. Young

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

FRTZ D. HEMPHILL

OFFICERS

Clerk—Miss Helen Cater

Treasurer—Heath B. Marsh

Trustees—E. Murray Tate, Jr., Chmn., Wilson Aultman, Heath B. Marsh

Historian—J. D. Greene

ASSOCIATION AUXILIARIES

Sunday School Superintendent—T. W. Nelson

Training Union Director—Frelon W. Broome

W. M. U. President—Mrs. B. R. Holbrook

Brotherhood President—Wayne DeHart

Music Director—Hendley Ellington

STANDING COMMITTEES:

PROGRAM COMMITTEE:

J. Howard Cates, *Chairman*
 Albert A. Young
 T. W. Nelson
 Henley Ellington
 James Helvey

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

W. S. Elliott, *Chairman*
 Mrs. L. P. Frans
 Mrs. T. F. Digh
 Mrs. M. C. Turbyfill
 V. C. Martin

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

James Helvey, *Chairman*
 E. F. Sullivan
 J. Louis Price
 M. L. Ross
 B. A. Cooper

EXTENSION COMMITTEE:

Fritz D. Hemphill, *Chairman*
 Harold Deal
 James M. Wilder
 Donald Greene
 L. Vernon Connell

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Heath B. Marsh, *Chairman*
 Bruce Teague
 E. M. Suggs
 O. Jack Murphy
 Harry Barger

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMITTEE:

G. Othell Hand, *Chairman*
 Fred A. Lane
 Wayne DeHart
 George F. Hemphill
 Edd Swann

PLACE AND PREACHER COMMITTEE:

Albert A. Young, *Chairman*
 B. R. Holbrook
 Matt L. Hastings
 Mrs. Howard Cates
 Mrs. Fritz D. Hemphill

PUBLICITY:

Frank Poovey

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

B. A. COOPER

If the people of the world are to know Christ, they must have the Bible in their own languages in order for the Word to speak to their own hearts.

The American Bible Society, a non-profit organization, has since its organization in 1816, been busy at the job of placing the Bible in the hands of the people of the world in their own language.

The American Bible Society rejoices in Southern Baptists' plans for the Jubilee Advance, 1959-64, because we thoroughly recognize these basic missionary principles: *People must have the Bible* because it presents Jesus Christ, the only hope of men and nations. *Each person must have the Bible in his own language* because it speaks to his heart as no other language can speak. In most countries people *cannot afford even the cost of printing* the Scriptures.

The Bible is the essential tool of missions and evangelism. The missionary uses it in all his work. The Bible itself is a missionary, going where the human missionary cannot go, staying after he must leave—and continually speaking to a person's heart.

The American Bible Society is an active partner of Southern Baptists. It helps missionaries to *translate* the Bible, *publishes* without note or comment and

distributes without profit, usually below cost, for worldwide mission work. For the Blind, it supplies Scriptures at a small fraction of their cost, in Braille and other raised-letter systems and on Talking Book records.

During 1958 the American Bible Society

Distributed around the world over sixteen and one-half million volumes of Scripture.

Donated more than one million Scripture volumes for our Armed Forces.

Enlarged the ministry of the Finger Phone, a phonograph operated by one finger with Scripture recordings in the languages needed. They are being used among Navaho Indians in America and in Africa and Asia including 25 languages.

Southern Baptists support the work of the Bible Society because they serve mission work, and because Southern Baptist missionaries depend upon the Society for Scriptures needed in their field of work. In 1958 Southern Baptists gave \$162,199 to the American Bible Society, leading all denominations in giving for the first time.

It is suggested that every church can give at least these amounts each year: Country and village churches, \$10 to \$25; Churches in small cities, \$25 to \$100; Larger churches, \$100 to \$200; Great City churches, \$200 to \$500 or more.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES

E. MURRAY TATE, JR.

The Association has provided two scholarships, each in the amount of \$175.00, for the 1959-60 school year. The qualifications have been previously announced and published in the report of the 1958 Annual Session of the Association.

The Trustees, charged with the duty of awarding scholarships, sent letters to all Pastors, requesting applications and recommendations of Pastors. Several very fine applications resulted, all of which were carefully considered by the Trustees.

All applicants were worthy and met the standards required. The Trustees finally selected the two whom they considered to best meet all of the requirements. They are:

Miss Elizabeth R. McGee, First Church, Newton, who will attend Wingate College; Miss Kay Kirby, Temple, who will attend Furman University.

Both young ladies plan to engage in full time Baptist denominational work. We are proud of them and only regret that we could not award scholarships to others also. It is our hope that in coming years, the size or number of scholarships can be increased.

RESOLUTIONS

I.

Resolved that this Association extend its hearty thanks and appreciation to the host churches and their Pastors, Catawba Baptist Church, Rev. B. A. Cooper, Pastor, and First Baptist Church, Hickory, Dr. G. Othell Hand, Pastor, for inviting us to their churches for our Associational meetings. We also extend our

appreciation to the ladies of these churches for their work of love in preparing the wonderful and bountiful meals for the messengers and visitors.

II.

Resolved that the members of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association commend our Biblical Recorder Trustees in their nomination and election of J. Marse Grant as our new Editor of the Biblical Recorder. (Requesting that the Clerk send a copy of this Resolution to the editor of the Biblical Recorder and Charity and Children for publication.)

PROCEEDINGS OF 1959 ANNUAL W.M.U. MEETING

April 24, 1959

The annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, Theron Rankin Association was held April 24, 1959 at Viewmont Baptist Church of Hickory. The theme was "You . . . Witnessing . . . Now."

Mrs. B. R. Holbrook of First Baptist Church, Hildebran, associational W. M. U. president, presided.

The meeting was opened with the singing of the hymn "Jesus Saves." Prayer was led by Rev. Albert A. Young, host pastor.

Gracious words of welcome were given by the host pastor and Mrs. Ralph Kendall, W. M. U. president of the host church.

The worship period was led by Mrs. L. P. Frans. Scripture was read by six W. M. S. members with prayer by Mrs. Frans. Mrs. G. Othell Hand sang "Lord, Lay Some Soul" during the meditation.

A motion was made to the effect that the printed program be used as the order of service. A motion was also made that those registered constitute the voting body. Both motions were adopted.

The minutes of the meeting last year were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and adopted.

Visitors and messengers were welcomed by the president, Mrs. Holbrook.

The following committees were appointed—*Resolutions*: Mrs. Jack Murphy, *Chairman*, Mrs. Olin Hefner and Mrs. James Helvey. *Place*: Mrs. A. A. Young, *Chairman*, Mrs. Charles Johnson and Mrs. Bronson.

A brief review of the past and a glimpse of the future was given by the Regional President, Mrs. H. A. Quick; Mrs. Holbrook, associational president and the Four Fundamental Chairman.

A Soul-winning playlet "You—A Missionary" was given by Mrs. Fritz Hemphill, Community Missions Chairman, and ladies from her church.

Directed Prayer led by Mrs. Howard Cates was held before the singing of the hymn "I Love to Tell the Story."

The missionary speaker of the day was Miss Ola Lee of China now in Taiwan. Meditation and Prayer was conducted by Mrs. Othell Hand and Rev. J. Louis Price.

A bountiful lunch was served at the noon hour.

The afternoon session was opened with the hymn "Rescue the Perishing."

The worship period was conducted by G. A. Queen, Miss Ella Mae McGee and Queen With Scepter, Miss Brenda Aultman.

Miss McGee's subject was "Steps of Conversion as Given in Forward Steps."

Miss Aultman spoke on "A Teenager Helping the Community to Be Christian."

Prayer was led by Mrs. J. L. Price.

During the business session committee reports were made and the Associational W. M. U. Aims for Advancement and Budget were adopted.

1960 meeting: to be held at West Hickory Baptist Church.

Officers were elected as follows: *President*, Mrs. B. R. Holbrook; *Vice-president*, Mrs. B. A. Cooper; *Secretary*, Mrs. W. B. Duncan; *Treasurer*, Miss Tennie Freeman; *Mission Study Chairman*, Mrs. Rose Wolff; *Community Missions Chairman*, Mrs. Fritz D. Hemphill; *Stewardship Chairman*, Mrs. Howard Cates; *Prayer*

Chairman, Mrs. Dale Wilson; *Y. W. A. Director*, Mrs. Carl W. Fye; *G. A. Director*, Mrs. Robert Boatwright; *Sunbeam Director* Mrs. Raymond Scarborough; *Literature Chairman*, Mrs. Bruce Huffman; *Chorister*, Mrs. Othell Hand; *Pianist*, Mrs. Ralph Kendall, *Carver School of Missions*, Mrs. L. P. Frans.

The *Nominating Committee* elected for 1959-60 were: Mrs. Victor Andrews, chairman; Mrs. Thomas Atnip, Mrs. Max Freeman, Mrs. Eugene Cooke, Mrs. Eugene Hall and Mrs. B. M. Cooke.

The prayer of dedication for new officers was led by Mrs. H. A. Quick, Regional president. Mrs. T. W. Nelson sang a solo.

Miss Barbara Rodman, Girl's Auxiliary Director for the state spoke on "Ways of Witnessing" using John 17 as her scripture.

The session was closed with meditation by Mrs. Othell Hand, and prayer by Rev. J. Howard Cates.

In Memoriam

CATAWBA—Mr. David Keith,
Mr. R. A. Keith, Mr. Hoyle C.
Setzer, Sr. (Deacon)

CLAREMONT—
Mrs. Willie Ballard

CORINTH—Mr. Royal M. Stallings, II, Mrs. Jettie Huffman,
Mrs. L. A. Speagle

FIRST, HICKORY—Mr. T. P. Pruitt, Sr. (Deacon), Mr. M. S. Crapps, Mr. Paul Dietz, Mr. Charles Pope, Mr. Paul White-
ner, Mrs. Charles Perry, Mrs. K. C. Menzies, Mr. Carl Brooks, Sr., Mrs. Harry Barger, Mrs. John Williams

EAST HICKORY MISSION—
Roy McGarr

HIGHLAND—Mr. John Hogan,
Mr. Ray Setzer, Mrs. L. D. Ward

LONGVIEW—Mrs. Minnie Crawford, Mrs. Alice Keller, Mrs. T. S. Pressley

OAKLAND HEIGHTS—
Mrs. Mae Shores

PENELOPE—Mr. Arney Smith,
Mr. J. W. Sain, Mrs. Julia Emma Walker, Mrs. J. Frank Rudisill, Mr. Clorus B. Starr,
Mr. Milton Edgar Turbyfill, Mr. Glen A. Setzer

TEMPLE—Mrs. G. C. Honeycutt,
Mrs. Frank Marlowe

VIEWMONT—Mrs. Pansy Hall,
Mr. Clinton Fox, Mrs. C. O. Ellis,
Mrs. A. T. Fox, Mr. Everette Brown

WEST HICKORY — Mrs. Jane Keller, Mrs. J. R. Gabbard, Mrs. A. D. Isenhour, Thomas E. Fisher, Mr. Alvin Riley (Deacon)

ICARD—Mr. W. B. Bollinger

FIRST, NEWTON — Mr. Jerry Benfield, Mr. Frank A. Eckard, Mr. Jack L. Greene, Mr. Charles Hass, Mrs. H. L. Heffner, Mr. Everette B. Moose, Mr. Charles Travis, Sr.

NORTH NEWTON—Mr. A. L. White

PROVIDENCE—
Mrs. Susan J. Hudson

SPRINGS ROAD—
Mrs. Edd Teague

WARLICKS—Mrs. Virginia Drummond, Mrs. Fannie Crisp

Church Directories

PASTORS

The names and addresses of the pastors of this association are contained in statistical table A.

ASSISTANT PASTORS, EDUCATIONAL, MUSIC DIRECTORS, SECRETARIES

NAME	ADDRESS	CHURCH	WORK
Beckom, Mrs. Joe.....	Viewmont Apt. 8-A, Hickory.....	Viewmont.....	Church Secretary
Bolick, Miss Betty.....	Route 2, Box 477, Hickory.....	Penelope.....	Church Secretary
Byler, David O.....	616 N. Center St., Hickory.....	First, Hickory.....	Assoc. Pastor (Music)
Cater, Miss Helen.....	P. O. Box 552, Hickory.....	West Hickory.....	Educational Secretary
Feltner, Miss Anne.....	645 1st Ave. N W, Hickory.....	First, Hickory.....	Director of Education
Hegenbart, Alex F.....	810 2nd Ave. N W, Hickory.....	West Hickory.....	Dir. of Music and Ed.
Huff, Robert L.....	Viewmont Apt. 11-A, Hickory....	Viewmont.....	Dir. of Ed. and Youth Activities
Kercher, R. Paul.....	534 2nd Avenue, N W, Hickory...	First, Hickory.....	Assoc. Pastor (Youth)
Lane, Fred A.....	114 33rd Street N W, Hickory....	Penelope.....	Dir. of Music and Ed.
Snyder, James W.....	541 1st Street, N W, Hickory.....	Highland.....	Dir. of Music and Ed.

ORDAINED MINISTERS, NOT PASTORS, HOLDING MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCHES OF THERON RANKIN ASSOCIATION

NAME	ADDRESS	CHURCH
Abernethy, Alfred (Ch.O.).....	U.S.A.F.....	Providence
Bowman, Hoyle E. (S.O.).....	Dallas, Texas.....	Calvary
Bragg, J. L. (R.O.).....	Hildebran.....	Hildebran, First
Bryant, Wade (I.O.).....	918 Lenoir Rd. N W, Hickory.....	Penelope
Chester, O. S. (I.O.).....	169 29th Street S W, Hickory.....	Longview
Connor, D. H. (I.O.).....	765 21st Street S W, Hickory.....	Penelope
Crump, Zeno (I.O.).....	Route 2, Connelly Springs.....	Warlick's
Gilbert, Frank (I.O.).....	Route 2, Connelly Springs.....	Warlick's
Hampton, Otis (I.O.).....	537 12th Avenue N E, Hickory....	West Hickory
Helton, Clyde (I.O.).....	P. O. Box 700, Hickory.....	Community
Keller, J. C. (I.O.).....	Rt. 5, Box 146, Hickory.....	Longview
Morrow, Phillip R. (O.M.).....	Catawba.....	Catawba
Price, J. Louis (R.O.).....	2820 1st Avenue N W, Hickory....	West Hickory
Reep, Jay (O.M.).....	Route 1, Hickory.....	Mountain Grove
Sullivan, E. F. (R.O.).....	1920 North Center Street, Hickory..	Temple

MINISTERS ORDAINED DURING THE YEAR

NAME	ADDRESS	CHURCH
Goodwin, Gerald.....	Mt. Cross Road, Danville, Va.....	Hildebran, First
Stephens, Tommy.....	Route 4, Hickory.....	Hildebran, First

MINISTER LICENSED DURING THE YEAR

NAME	ADDRESS	CHURCH
Hester, Joe Parks.....	Newton.....	Newton, First

DIRECTOR OF AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS

CHURCH	NAME	ADDRESS
Hickory, First.....	Frelon Broome.....	345 7th Ave. Place N W, Hickory
Viewmont.....	Frank Poovey.....	2044-B 6th Street N W, Hickory
West Hickory.....	J. Herman Cater.....	P. O. Box 552, Hickory
Providence.....	Yates Abernathy.....	Route 3, Vale

LIBRARIANS

CHURCH	NAME	ADDRESS
Catawba.....	Mrs. Locke Rink.....	Route 1, Claremont
Corinth.....	Miss Patricia Costner.....	Route 3, Vale
Hickory, Calvary.....	Mrs. Guy Huffman.....	719 19th St. S W, Hickory
" East Hickory.....	Miss Linda Prestwood.....	141 15th St. S E, Hickory
" First.....	Mrs. Spurgeon Young.....	196 23rd St. N W, Hickory
" Highland.....	Mrs. A. C. Ogren.....	829 Main Ave. N E, Hickory
" Temple.....	Miss Aundria Rudisill.....	Route 3, Box 120, Hickory
" Viewmont.....	Miss Betty Bolick.....	Route 2, Box 477, Hickory
" West Hickory.....	Mrs. W. K. Truett.....	1417 1st Ave. Place N W, Hickory
Hildebran, First.....	Miss Martha Eggers.....	Hildebran
Newton, North.....	Mrs. Shirley Shook.....	409 E. 11th Street, Newton
Oyama.....	Miss Annette Hoyle.....	603 21st St. S E, Hickory

PIANIST OR ORGANIST

CHURCH	NAME	ADDRESS
Brookford.....	Mrs. W. C. Laney.....	161 20th Avenue S W, Hickory
Catawba.....	Miss Polly Ann Abernethy.....	Star Route, Catawba
Claremont.....	Judy Scronce.....	2014 Mehaffy Avenue, Newton
Corinth.....	Howard Propst.....	Route 1, Hickory
Grace.....	Miss Nancy Jackson.....	Route 3, Hickory
Hickory, Calvary.....	Mrs. Larry Overcash.....	24th St. S W, Hickory
" Community.....	Miss Barbara Ball.....	P. O. Box 166, Hickory
" East Hickory.....	Mrs. T. W. Nelson.....	122 16th St. S E, Hickory
" East Hickory Mission.....	Mrs. Virginia Crowley.....	Conover
" First.....	.....	.....
" Highland.....	Mrs. E. L. Guthrie.....	1118 8th St. N E, Hickory
" Longview.....	Mrs. Wayne Newton.....	238 32nd St. S W, Hickory
" Oakland Heights.....	Barbara Brooks.....	1673 C Ave. S E, Hickory
" Penelope.....	Mrs. Mayo Weaver.....	P. O. Box 72, Hildebran
" Temple.....	Mrs. Charles Murph, Jr.....	748 8th St. N E, Hickory
" Viewmont.....	Mrs. Ralph Kendall.....	2606 1st Avenue N W, Hickory
" West Hickory.....	Mrs. Dean Woods.....	P. O. Box 585, Hickory
Hildebran, First.....	Mrs. Willard Wycoff.....	P. O. Box 114, Hildebran
Icard.....	Mrs. M. C. Warlick.....	Icard
Mountain Grove.....	Mrs. Gene Allison.....	Route 1, Hickory
Newton, First.....	Cecil Murray.....	Newton
" North.....	Mrs. Peggy Cunningham.....	2307 N. Anderson Ave., Newton
Oyama.....	Mrs. Garland Caldwell.....	Route 2, Conover
Providence.....	Mrs. M. S. Brittian.....	Route 4, Hickory
Sandy Ridge.....	Miss Jane Martin.....	1830 12th Ave. N E, Hickory
Midway Mission.....	Miss Mazel Pope.....	Route 1, Conover
Springs Road.....	Miss Gale Huffman.....	Route 2, Box 111, Conover
Startown.....	Mrs. Emmett Huffman.....	Route 1, Newton
Sweetwater.....	Miss Patsy Houston.....	Route 3, Hickory
Warlick's.....	Elizabeth Marlow.....	Route 2, Connelly Springs
Wayside.....	Mrs. Nancy Franklin.....	Route 4, Hickory

HISTORICAL TABLE

Year	Place of Meeting	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher of Annual Sermon
1956	Hickory, First; Hildebran, First.....	Fritz D. Hemphill.....	Miss Helen Cater.....	V. C. Martin
1957	West Hickory; Mountain Grove.....	Fritz D. Hemphill.....	Miss Helen Cater.....	O. Jack Murphy
1958	Viewmont; Providence...	Fritz D. Hemphill.....	Miss Helen Cater.....	James Helvey, Jr.
1959	Catawba; Hickory, First..	J. Howard Cates.....	Miss Helen Cater.....	B. R. Holbrook

Statistical Tables

TABLE A. CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP OF THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1959

Index Number	CHURCHES	Location Rural-V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	Moderator J. Howard Cates 858 8th St. N E, Hickory	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES										GAINS		LOSSES		TOTAL				SPECIAL INFORMATION								
																Baptisms		Letters and Other		Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.		Total Resident Members	Total Non-resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers	Church Have Budget?	Every Member Canvass?	State Paper in Budget?	No. Local Missions Operated by Church	No. Missions started this year	Pastor's Annual Salary (Whether had a pastor for full year or not)
1	Brookford.	T	1910	All	W. C. Laney, 161 20th Ave. S W, Hickory	5	8	2	89	21	110	2	72															2,421.00				
2	Catawba.	T	1875	All	B. A. Cooper, Box 114, Catawba.	8	5	2	172	47	219	2	30	Yes													4,420.00					
3	Claremont.	T	1953	All	Hampton Srouce, 2014 McHaffey Ave., Newton	6	26	16	65	23	89	2		Yes													2,900.00					
4	Corinth.	R	1840	All		11	10	10	176	90	266	2	45	Yes		Yes											3,380.00					
5	Grace.	C	1956	All	D. E. Couch, Sr., 802 3rd St. S E, Hickory	6	3	48	3	45	3	203	30														2,346.00					
6	Hickory, Calvary.	C	1943	All	W. W. Marr, 1908 8th Avenue S W, Hickory	4	7	16	186	17	203	2	50	Yes													3,900.00					
7	" Community.	C	1950	All	R. L. Ball, P. O. Box 166, Hickory.	5	38	6	206	2	208	2	35	Yes													3,420.00					
8	" East Hickory.	C	1940	All	T. W. Nelson, 122 16th St. S E, Hickory	26	17	13	311	68	379	2	155	Yes													5,200.00					
9	" (a) E. Hickory Mission	L		All		1	65	3	60	3	63	1		Yes													975.00					
10	" East Hickory Total.					27	82	26	371	71	442	3	155	Yes													6,175.00					
11	" First.	C	1870	All	Dr. G. Othell Hand, 534 2nd Ave. N W, Hickory	61	87	65	1,497	86	1,583	2	628	Yes		Yes											9,000.00					
12	" Highland.	C	1912	All	J. Howard Cates, 558 8th St. N E, Hickory	25	19	29	608	130	737	3	169	Yes													5,200.00					
13	" Longview.	C	1940	All	J. D. Compton, 215 23rd St. S W, Hickory	25	17	30	306	10	316	3	75	Yes													3,900.00					
14	" Oakland Heights	C	1944	All	Berry Lafone, Rt. 2, Box 209-A, Hickory	7	4	7	148	26	174	1	42	Yes													6,250.00					
15	" Pendole.	C	1888	All	O. Jack Murphy, 3224 Main Ave. N W, Hickory	60	31	55	877	91	968	1	363	Yes		Yes											4,680.00					
16	" Temple.	C	1948	All	William S. Elliott, 813 8th St. Dr. S E, Hickory	30	15	27	356	41	397	2	216	Yes		Yes											6,240.00					
17	" West Hickory.	C	1935	All	Albert A. Young, 97 18th Ave. N W, Hickory	31	46	53	859	90	949	2	220	Yes													5,200.00					
18	Hildebran, First.	C	1907	All	Fritz D. Hemphill, 1205 Main Ave. Dr. N W, Hickory	28	48	53	995	75	1,070	2	175	Yes													6,260.00					
19	" Second.	T	1888	All	B. R. Holbrook, Box 135, Hildebran	27	25	22	503	112	615	2	160	Yes													4,680.00					
20	Mountain Grove.	C	1881	All	Wayne Riddle, Leard	10	3	9	207	45	252	1	84	Yes													4,505.00					
21	" Newton, First.	R	1882	All	L. Vernon Connell, Rt. 1, Hickory	18	2	3	266	34	300	2	50	Yes													6,700.00					
22	" North.	C	1921	All	James M. Wilder, 122 W. 7th St., Newton	40	19	80	590	166	756	1	200	Yes		Yes											4,680.00					
23	Oyama.	R	1951	All	James R. Helvey, Jr., 1826 N. College Ave., Hickory	13	15	31	294	61	355	2	185	Yes		Yes											2,982.00					
24	Providence.	R	1878	All	Glen G. Whitley, Rt. 3, Box 276AA, Hickory	16	14	10	87	6	93	1		Yes													3,900.00					
25	Sandy Ridge.	R	1878	All	M. L. Ross, Rt. 4, Hickory	11	1	48	242	45	287	1	100	Yes		Yes											4,940.00					
26	" (a) Midway Mission	R	1944	All	V. C. Martin, 1830 12th Ave. N E, Hickory	19	9	15	15	22	43	9		Yes													5,600.00					
27	Sandy Ridge Total.				Ernest C. Robinson, Rt. 3, Box 525, Hickory	19	9	49	257	56	313	1	109	Yes		Yes											5,540.00					
28	Spring Road.	R	1957	All	William E. Melvin, Rt. 2, Box 221-A, Hickory	4	20	4	156	3	159	2	65	Yes		Yes											3,600.00					
29	Startown.	R	1956	All	Kenneth Bowen, Rt. 1, Newton	6	10	9	45	13	58	2		Yes													1,560.00					
30	Sweetwater.	V	1954	All	Ted L. Starnes, 1329 15th St. Ct. N E, Hickory	10	9	7	44	8	52	2	30	Yes		Yes											2,645.00					
31	Warlick's.	R	1894	All	Matt L. Hastings, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs	19	15	7	387	27	414	2	80	Yes		Yes											4,160.00					
32	Wayside.	R	1954	All	Robert P. Laws, 183 18th St. Pl. N W, Hickory	5	14	10	150	8	158	2	10	Yes		Yes											3,175.00					
	*Conover, First.					535	504	617	10,116	1,384	11,500	52	3,263	27	8	2											126,939.00					
	Totals.																															

* Under Watch Care. J. Howard Cates, Moderator, Hickory.
Miss Helen Cater, Clerk, Hickory.

TABLE B. SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1959

Index Number	CHURCHES	Associational Superintendent T. W. Nelson 122 16th St. S. E, Hickory	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES													SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLMENT												
			Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People, Single	Young People, Married	Young People, Away	Adults (25-34)	Adults (35 and up)	Extension Department	General Officers	Mission Sunday	Grand Total School Enrolment	Average Attendance	Number Training Schools	Church U.S.B. Enr.	Mission U.S.B. Enr.	Total V.B.S. Enr.	School Enrolment	January Bible Study	Preparation Week			
1	Brookford.....	Mrs. Katie Miller, 1728 2nd St. S. W, Hickory	14	11	12	9	18	23	39	..	50	17	9	132	88	..	97	97	..	Yes			
2	Catawba.....	Miss Susie Danner, P. O. Box 83, Catawba.....	4	15	17	13	23	17	3	24	..	35	..	2	192	107	3	97	97	..	Yes			
3	Claremont.....	Carl Spencer, Rt. 2, Newton.....	7	12	11	25	13	16	..	..	..	..	35	..	35	9	121	75	2	62	..	62	..	Yes
4	Corinth.....	C. V. Stallings, Route 1, Hickory.....	2	21	19	10	23	10	18	..	..	..	81	10	4	4	228	119	1	88	..	88	..	Yes	
5	Grace.....	Lester Whitener, Rt. 3, Box 173, Hickory.....	3	13	12	9	3	4	8	1	..	..	..	..	6	6	70	30	1	..	..	..	..	Yes
6	Hickory.....	Odell Lowman, 1840 3rd Ave. S. W, Hickory.....	4	19	20	15	19	3	8	..	..	31	36	..	3	3	168	81	..	82	..	82	..	Yes		
7	" Community.....	Lamar Lovell, Rt. 3, Box 176, Hickory.....	6	7	21	20	25	17	..	..	..	42	44	..	3	3	169	109	1	..	..	..	..	Yes
8	" East Hickory.....	Eugene Lockadoo, Rt. 3, Box 172, Hickory.....	11	42	25	55	42	14	20	..	..	24	103	..	6	6	395	228	3	155	..	155	..	Yes		
9	" (a) East Hickory Mission.....	Robert R. Fisher, Box 77, Conover.....	8	14	15	15	..	4	..	..	..	26	132	..	3	3	112	72	..	..	..	..	..	Yes
10	" East Hickory Total.....	Bill L. Whitener, 1257 9th St. N. W, Hickory.....	11	50	39	50	70	42	18	..	..	66	132	..	9	9	507	302	3	155	49	49	..	Yes		
11	" First.....	Clifford D. Moses, 1202 10th St. N. E, Hickory.....	43	79	130	173	131	42	20	..	55	168	415	40	24	5	1,448	803	6	508	508	508	..	Yes				
12	" Highland.....	Julius Cook, Jr., 2519 13th Ave. S. W, Hickory.....	4	34	30	59	86	38	42	..	..	67	160	15	5	1	657	354	1	203	203	203	..	Yes		
13	" Longview.....	Carl G. King, Rt. 1, Box 557-A, Hickory.....	14	30	47	58	39	20	30	..	35	96	..	..	..	..	369	175	2	139	139	139	..	Yes
14	" Oakland Heights.....	M. A. Jenkins, 186 33rd St. N. W, Hickory.....	6	11	22	28	17	7	20	..	28	..	..	28	4	4	177	71	1	97	..	97	..	Yes		
15	" Penelope.....	Harry Barger, Rt. 3, Box 29, Hickory.....	15	86	47	94	129	105	31	39	10	47	301	18	8	8	930	506	2	344	344	344	..	Yes				
16	" Temple.....	Earl L. Roberts, 138 15th Ave. N. W, Hickory.....	28	115	53	80	152	111	35	62	24	158	248	31	6	6	1,096	551	4	193	193	193	..	Yes				
17	" Viewmont.....	George F. Hemphil, 2907 1st Ave. N. W, Hickory.....	64	115	53	80	152	111	35	62	24	158	277	46	6	6	1,183	529	5	236	..	236	..	Yes				
18	" West Hickory.....	Lee Foster, Rt. 4, Hickory.....	43	31	50	75	58	27	17	11	4	33	53	12	5	5	563	307	2	209	209	209	..	Yes				
19	Hildebran, First.....	John P. Church, Rt. 1, Box 11-A, Connelly Springs.....	14	11	16	14	37	17	16	19	..	43	98	..	8	8	242	163	1	124	124	124	..	Yes				
20	Icard.....	George Cansler, Rt. 1, Hickory.....	25	17	36	55	17	16	28	..	..	33	98	..	8	8	285	163	2	164	164	164	..	Yes		
21	Mountain Grove.....	Jesse L. Eckard, Brentwood Drive, Newton.....	13	58	27	65	79	62	32	11	5	215	11	6	6	647	322	2	204	204	204	..	Yes					
22	Newton, First.....	Alvin W. Moses, 423 Davis Ave, Newton.....	3	34	29	60	95	50	15	11	3	36	73	13	5	5	433	264	5	181	181	181	..	Yes				
23	Oyama.....	S. C. Duncan, Rt. 3, Box 298, Hickory.....	10	10	13	18	12	13	2	..	35	..	..	35	3	3	116	61	2	85	85	85	..	Yes		
24	Providence.....	M. S. Brittain, Rt. 4, Hickory.....	..	5	7	13	20	14	14	..	30	24	3	16	4	4	146	91	1	46	46	46	..	Yes				
25	Sandy Ridge.....	Sam Teague, 2215 2nd St. N. E, Hickory.....	28	15	24	54	31	20	23	30	61	5	4	5	4	4	295	188	3	98	98	98	..	Yes				
26	" (a) Midway Mission.....	J. J. Black, Route 1, Conover.....	..	12	6	11	5	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	51	39	3	54	54	54	..	Yes
27	Sandy Ridge Total.....	Willard Bolick, Rt. 2, Box 107-A, Hickory.....	28	27	30	65	36	20	27	..	30	72	5	6	6	6	346	227	6	98	98	152	127	Yes				
28	Springs Road.....	Clarence Smith, Rt. 1, Newton.....	21	29	24	30	27	26	..	..	26	..	..	..	3	3	224	140	1	127	127	127	..	Yes
29	Startown.....	Edwin L. Davis, 1940 16th Ave. N. E, Hickory.....	3	13	8	17	6	3	..	..	..	81	44	1	1	1	81	44	1	51	51	51	..	Yes	
30	Sweetwater.....	Walter Starnes, Rhodush.....	16	14	14	22	8	..	..	..	30	18	..	..	4	4	126	71	1	..	..	..	..	Yes
31	Warlick's.....	James Powell, Jr., Gen. Del., Icard.....	14	27	23	34	50	52	20	17	4	50	80	13	6	6	390	206	3	141	141	141	..	Yes				
32	*Conover, First.....	James Powell, Jr., Gen. Del., Icard.....	7	15	15	22	12	23	..	..	..	22	31	..	..	..	153	95	..	123	123	123	..	Yes
Totals.....			248	954	735	1110	1610	1180	554	561	121	1308	2804	283	176	163	11,644	6,112	60	3,757	103	3,860	..	21				

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TABLE C. TRAINING UNION OF THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1959

CHURCHES		TRAINING UNION ENROLLMENT															
Index Number	Associational Director Frelon W. Broome 345 7th Ave. Place N W, Hickory TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People, Single	Young People, Married	Adults, 25-34	Adults, 35 and up	General Officers	Mission Enrollment	Grand Total	Average	Number Training Schools	Observe Youth Week?	
1	Brookford.....	Paul Pope, 150 19th Ave. S W, Hickory	8	10		8	13	7		10	14	6		76	51	1	Yes
2	Catawba.....	Mrs. Newell Eades, Catawba.....				3				7		5		15	13		
3	Claremont.....				9		8	6		8		1		45			
4	Corinth.....	Miss Elma Stallings, Rt. 3, Vale.....				3	2			15		4		24		1	
5	Grace.....	Donald Eckard, 1257 8th Ave. S E, Hickory			13	10	3	4			10	4		44	22		
6	Hickory, Calvary.....	John Asherbranner, 1765 13th Ave. S W, Hickory.....	4			12	13		9		16	3		57	60		
7	" Community.....	Otto Jones, 1416 17th Ave. N E, Hickory.....															Yes
8	" East Hickory.....	Guy F. Fisher, Sr., 1515 16th Ave. N E, Hickory	14	8	18	30	24	10		19	49	5		177	100	2	Yes
9	" (a) E. Hickory Mission.....	None.....															Yes
10	" East Hickory Total.....		14		18	30	24	10		19	49	5		177	100	2	Yes
11	" First.....	Hendley Ellington, 549 N. Center St., Hickory	10	12	46	104	103	23		59	49	5		362	215	2	Yes
12	" Highland.....	Joe F. Gardner, 852 Highland Ave. N E, Hickory.....	12	9	22	37	38	10	16	13	28	5		190	120	1	Yes
13	" Longview.....	John Munday, 407 26th St. S W, Hickory.....	9	15	13	22	18	19		19	21	5		141	99	2	
14	" Oakland Heights.....	Mrs. Ellen Townsend, Rt. 2, Box 438, Hickory		4	2	12	5	5			8	4		40			
15	" Penelope.....	William J. Hasty, 520 26th St. S W, Hickory.....	12	8	18	60	44	31	29	19	33	5		259	120	1	Yes
16	" Temple.....	Frank Thomas, 1646 3rd St. Dr. N E, Hickory	6	3	9	39	22	11	10		33	3		136	63	2	Yes
17	" Viewmont.....	Eugene D. Hall, 2908 4th St. N E, Hickory.....	21	12	31	45	37	17		53	42	4		262	123		
18	" West Hickory.....	W. K. Truett, 1417 1st Ave. Pl. N W, Hickory	11	27	23	53	52	13	23	30	28	4		241	122		Yes
19	Hildebran, First.....	Tom Stephens, Box 473, Hildebran.....	3	24	24	40	35	17		18	13	4		201	119	2	Yes
20	Icard.....	Miss Belinda Wilson, Icard.....		6	5	14	10	21	9	9	17	1		75	59	1	Yes
21	Mountain Grove.....	Mrs. Marvin Keller, Rt. 1, Hickory.....	7	10	20	25	14	18		15	17			126	51		Yes
22	Newton, First.....	James E. Harris, Rt. 2, Newton.....	5	11	5	24	39	9		15	15			127	51		Yes
23	" North.....	Harold C. Hassler, Rt. 2, Newton.....	4	6	14	33	14	21			15	4		111	60	1	Yes
24	Oyama.....	Paul L. Lail, Rt. 2, Conover.....															Yes
25	Providence.....	Buddy Whitener, Rt. 1, Box 234, Hickory	6	11	4	8	8	13			22	6		61	43	1	Yes
26	Sandy Ridge.....	Floyd W. Barger, Rt. 3, Box 666, Hickory			7	21	10	16		37	17	9		133	88	2	Yes
27	" Sandy Ridge Total.....	Mrs. Bonnie Pope, Route 1, Conover.....										27		18			
28	Springs Road.....	Harold Mathis, Route 2, Hickory	6	11	13	21	18	16		37	27	11		160	106	3	Yes
29	Startown.....	Mrs. Cecil Hass, Route 1, Newton.....	6	7	12	20	14	3	17	8		4		91	45	1	Yes
30	Sweetwater.....	Fred Weatherman, Rt. 3, Box 225, Hickory		12	5	8	6	2		6		3		42	30	1	
31	Warlick's.....	Mrs. Lena Gilbert, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs.....	3		7	5	5			16	8			47	25	1	
32	Wayside.....	None.....		11	12	31	36	15	23	24	20	3		175	72	3	Yes
	*Conover, First.....																
	Totals.....		141	206	318	680	573	291	136	394	415	104	27	3,258	1,718	27	17

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TABLE D. CHURCH MUSIC OF THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1959

Index Number	CHURCHES	Associational Music Director Hendley Ellington 549 North Center Street, Hickory CHOIR DIRECTORS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adult	General Officers	Mission Enrolment	Total Enrolment	Average Attendance	Number Training Schools	September—Church Music Month Observed	No. Copies Church Musicians Usually Ordered	Name of Hymnal Used in Auditorium
1	Brookford.....	Mrs. Bessie Wells, c/o Brookford Bapt. Ch., Brookford.....						31			31	20			.....	Baptist
2	Catawba.....	Donald D. Abernethy, P. O. Box 96, Catawba.....						40			40			4	.....	Broadman
3	Clarendon.....	R. L. Whisenant, Route 1, Hickory.....														Broadman
4	Corinth.....	D. E. Couch, Sr., 802 3rd St. S. E. Hickory.....														Broadman
5	Grace.....	Dwight Dowell, Statesville Bible Inst., Statesville.....														Broadman
6	Hickory, Calvary.....	Lloyd Pittman, Box 1286, Hickory.....														Broadman
7	" Community.....	Raymond Hagie, 236 21st St. S. E., Hickory.....			30			30	2		62	49				Broadman
8	" East Hickory.....	(a) E. Hickory Mission.....						13			10					Baptist
9	" East Hickory Total.....							43	2	13	75	59				
10	" First.....	David O. Byler, 616 N. Center St., Hickory.....	26	36	30			125			375	280	1		55	Baptist
11	" Highland.....	James W. Snyder, 541 1st St. N. W., Hickory.....		10	12			20			42				25	Broadman
12	" Longview.....	Paul Coffey, 1821 13th Ave. S. W., Hickory.....						20								Baptist
13	" Oakland Heights.....	Walter Daniels, 35 34th St. N. W., Hickory.....						30			30					Modern
14	" Penelope.....	Fred A. Lane, 114 33rd St. N. W., Hickory.....						26			122	21	1		30	Baptist
15	" Temple.....	Charles R. Murph, Jr., 748 8th St. N. E., Hickory.....	37		27	32		25			48	18			20	Baptist
16	" Viewmont.....	Charles R. Brown, 127 14th St. N. W., Hickory.....			15	8		34	8		100	55			30	Baptist
17	" West Hickory.....	Alex F. Hegenbart, 810 2nd Ave. N. W., Hickory.....	13	28	30	23	16	33	12		155	135	1		40	Modern
18	Hildebran, First.....	Eddie Holbrook, P. O. Box 135, Hildebran.....	15	10	25	26	15	25	5		121	86	1		25	Baptist
19	Icard.....	Harry Mull, Icard.....			7	5	16	8			36	15	3		4	Baptist
20	Mountain Grove.....	L. Vernon Connell, Route 1, Hickory.....				20		22			42				5	Broadman
21	" Newton, First.....	Miss Janice Robinson, 420 24th St. S. W., Hickory.....	9	19	38		22	26	10		124	55			32	New Baptist
22	" North.....	Mrs. Charles Shook, Rt. 2, Box 28-A, Conover.....			22			12			34	18	3		25	Broadman
23	Oyama.....	Buddy Whitener, Rt. 1, Box 234, Hickory.....														Broadman
24	Providence.....	Mrs. Harley Fisher, Rt. 3, Hickory.....						15	3		18	12	1		6	Modern
25	Sandy Ridge.....	Mrs. Helen Curls, P. O. Box 445, Conover.....						15			18	12				Broadman
26	(a) Midway Mission Sandy Ridge Total.....							15	3		18	12	1		6	
27	Springs Road.....	Ray Hurley, Route 2, Hickory.....						18			18					
28	Starown.....	Mrs. E. O. Miller, Route 1, Newton.....						18								Broadman
29	Sweetwater.....	Mrs. Fred Weatherman, Rt. 3, Box 225, Hickory.....						15			15	10				Broadman
30	Warlick.....	Mrs. Vera Knox, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs.....						15					1		2	Baptist
31	Wayside.....	James Willis, Hickory.....														Voice of Praise
32	*Conover, First.....															
	Totals.....		63	140	288	260	87	548	42	13	1,426	784	12	10	303	

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TABLE E. BROTHERHOOD WORK OF THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE YEAR
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1959

Index Number	CHURCHES	Associational Brotherhood President Wayne DeHart Box 495, Annex, Hickory	PRESIDENTS OF MEN'S BROTHERHOODS AND ADDRESSES	CHRM. ROYAL AMBASSADOR CO. AND ADDRESSES	No. Junior R. A. Chapters	Junior R. A. Enrollment	No. Intermediate R. A. Chapters	Intermediate R. A. Enrollment	Total R. A. Enrollment	Young Men's Brother- hood Enrollment	Men's Brotherhood Enrollment	Total Men	Grand Total Enrollment
1	Brookford			Tommy Keith, Catawba	1	7			7				7
2	Catawba												
3	Claremont												
4	Corinth												
5	Grace			E. J. Jackson, Rt. 3, Hickory									
6	Hickory, Calvary												
7	" Community												
8	" East Hickory												
9	(a) E. Hickory Mission												
10	" East Hickory Total			Ralph Deal, 1047 19th St. N. E, Hickory	1	10			10		25	25	35
11	" First			James R. Glenn, 1228 12th St. Circle, N E, Hickory	1	10			10		25	25	35
12	" Highland			V. H. White, P. O. Box 355, Hickory	1	15	1	12	27		161	161	188
13	" Longview			Leonard Tolbert, P. O. Box 1632, Hickory	1	7	1	8	15		35	35	50
14	" Oakland Heights				1	12	1	8	20		26	26	46
15	" Penelope			C. L. Rector, 244 33rd St. S W, Hickory									
16	" Temple			Leon Griffin, 39 14th Ave. S W, Hickory	1	8	1	8	16		40	40	56
17	" Viewmont			Robert Reed, P. O. Box 1612, Hickory	1	12			12		25	25	37
18	" West Hickory			Robert Huffman, 303 15th St. N W, Hickory	1	18	1	7	25		77	77	102
19	Hildebran, First			Paul Abernathy, P. O. Box 104, Hildebran	1	32			32		44	44	76
20	Icard			Nathan Mull, Icard	1	18	1	18	36		25	25	61
21	" Mountain Grove			Jay Reep, Route 1, Hickory	1	11			11		17	17	28
22	" Newton, First			Donald Adams, 805 S. Cline Ave., Newton	1	28			28		10	10	38
23	" North			Floyd I. Davis, Route 1, Newton	1	12	1	4	16		60	60	76
24	Oyama			Alvin W. Moses, 423 Davis Ave., Newton	1	16			16		37	37	53
25	Providence												
26	Sandy Ridge			Elmer Benfield, Rt. 2, Box 322, Hickory	2	13	1	15	28	8	18	26	54
27	(a) Midway Mission												
28	Sandy Ridge Total												
29	Spring Road			Glenn Canipe, Rt. 2, Hickory	2	13	1	15	28	8	18	26	54
30	Startown			James Fox, Route 1, Newton	1	23	2	16	39		18	18	57
31	Swetswater			Jack Lingerfelt, 227 21st St. S E, Hickory	1	13			13		4	4	17
32	Warlick s.			Walter Starnes, Rhodhiss	1	13			13		15	15	28
33	Wayside				1	14	1	7	21	10	26	36	57
34	*Conover, First			Harry Curtis, 310 12th St. N W, Hickory	1	16			16				16
Totals.													
					24	298	12	103	401	18	669	687	1,088

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TABLE F. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1959

Index Number	CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES										Total Thiers All Organizations
		Sunbeam Units	G. A. Units	Y. W. A. Units	W. M. S. Units	Total Units	Sunbeam Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	W. M. S. Enrolled	Total Enrolled	
1	Brookford.....											
2	Catawba.....	1	1	1	2	5	4	8	8	26	46	10
3	Claremont.....	1	1	1	1	4				15	15	6
4	Corinth.....	1	2		2	5	11	16		42	69	12
5	Grace.....		1		1	2		8		9	17	9
6	Hickory, Calvary.....											
7	Community.....											
8	" (a) East Hickory.....	2	2	1	1	2		26	7	61	132	41
9	" East Hickory Total.....	1				3				29	50	16
10	" Highland.....	3	2	1	6	12	49	26		90	172	57
11	" Longview.....	4	8	2	20	34	90	105	27	367	589	332
12	" Oakland Heights.....	2	2		6	10	45	23		91	160	60
13	" Pencilope.....		2		3	5		14		19	32	17
14	" Temple.....	2			3	5	20			30	50	20
15	" Viewmont.....	2	4	1	9	16	43	45	15	130	233	68
16	" West Hickory.....	2	2		4	8	39	27	15	49	130	56
17	Hildebran, First.....	3	7	1	7	18	30	79	13	100	222	155
18	.....	3	3	1	6	13	53	53	13	108	232	121
19	.....	3	3	1	5	13	88	55	10	54	207	92
20	.....	1	2	1	4	8	11	40	10	36	97	48
21	.....	2	2		4	8	27	25		60	112	42
22	.....	2	2	2	1	7	36	24	22	83	165	68
23	.....	2	2	1	3	8	18	33	9	38	98	53
24	.....					1				14	14	
25	.....	2	2	1	3	8	13	15	8	36	72	61
26	.....										
27	.....	2	2	1	3	8	13	15	8	36	72	61
28	.....	1	1	1	3	5	18	14		29	61	23
29	.....	1	1		1	3	16	7		12	35	5
30	.....		1	1	2	3			10	24	34	14
31				1	1		17	9	26	52	25
32				1	1			15	15	15	5
	Totals.....	39	52	18	101	210	611	639	186	1,549	2,985	1,433

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TABLE G. BUILDING—GOALS FOR THE COMING YEAR—SPECIAL INFORMATION OF THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1959

CHURCHES		CHAIRMEN OF RECREATION COMMITTEES AND ADDRESSES										CHURCHES									
Index Number		Value of Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home	Money Spent on New Construction, Property, Material, and Equipment	Money Spent on New Church Construction, Property, Material, and Equip., for Mission Operated by Church	Total Church Debt at End of Year	Cooperative Program, % of Total Budget	Association Mission Goal Coming Year	Do Church and Pastor Participate in Relief and Annuity Board Protection Plan?	Church Have Library?	Church Have Recrea- tion Committee?	Does Church Have Weekday Kinder- garten?	Does Church Have Day School?								
1	Brookford.	3,500.00	24,000.00																		
2	Catawba.	5,000.00	105,000.00	3,669.00				60.00	Yes	Yes											
3	Claremont.	12,500.00	28,000.00	600.00		1,400.00	10%	156.00		Yes											
4	Corinth.	16,000.00	40,000.00	1,484.00				120.00	Yes	Yes											
5	Grace.		10,000.00	900.00		1,309.00	5%	10.00													
6	Hickory, Calvary		75,000.00	430.00		440.00		100.00		Yes											
7	" Community		50,000.00																		
8	" East Hickory		50,500.00	26,801.00																	
9	" (a) E. Hickory Mission.		50,500.00																		
10	" East Hickory Total.																				
11	" First.	15,500.00	50,500.00	26,801.00			10%	204.00	Yes	Yes											
12	" Highland.	50,000.00	833,000.00				5%	104.00	Yes	Yes											
13	" Longview.	30,000.00	225,000.00			72,994.00	15%	308.00	Yes	Yes											
14	" Oakland Heights.	7,000.00	60,432.00			5,584.00	20%	1,500.00	Yes	Yes											
15	" Penelope.		15,000.00				17%	720.00	Yes	Yes	Yes										
16	" Temple.	36,000.00	220,000.00	9,985.00			10%	120.00	Yes	Yes											
17	" Viewmont.	15,000.00	80,000.00	1,688.00		8,063.00	6%	42.00	Yes	Yes											
18	" West Hickory	28,000.00	529,000.00	250,000.00		16,407.00	20%	780.00	Yes	Yes	Yes										
19	Hildebran, First.	30,000.00	355,000.00	473.00		225,000.00	8%	240.00	Yes	Yes											
20	Leard.	20,000.00	102,500.00	1,082.00		58,000.00	14%	800.00	Yes	Yes	Yes										
21	Mountain Grove.	5,500.00	45,500.00	775.00			20%	396.00	Yes	Yes	Yes										
22	Newton, First.	15,000.00	80,000.00				10%	144.00	Yes	Yes	Yes										
23	" North.	22,000.00	128,000.00				8%	404.00	Yes	Yes	Yes										
24	Oyama.	13,725.00	84,725.00	1,225.00		8,000.00	5%	540.00	Yes	Yes	Yes										
25	Providence.	15,500.00	30,000.00	5,759.00		6,782.00	2 1/2%	24.00	Yes	Yes											
26	Sandy Ridge.	20,000.00	70,000.00			2,500.00	3%	132.00													
27	(a) Midway Mission. Sandy Ridge Total.	10,000.00	100,000.00	1,850.00		19,688.00	3%		Yes												
28	Spring Ridge.	10,000.00	112,000.00	406.00																	
29	Startown.		38,000.00	2,256.00		19,688.00															
30	Sweetwater.	5,000.00	16,000.00	833.00		11,000.00	10%	50.00													
31	Warlick's.		10,500.00	591.00		4,300.00	5%	30.00													
32	Wayside.	8,000.00	125,000.00	2,700.00		3,500.00	6%	60.00													
33	*Conover, First.		25,000.00	38.00		40,000.00	10%	100.00													
Totals.		383,225.00	3,568,157.00	311,289.00		489,718.00		7,636.00		16	16										
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TABLE H. TOTAL RECEIPTS AND LOCAL EXPENDITURES OF THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1959

Index Number	CHURCHES	Associational Treasurer Heath B. Marsh 3024 North Center Street, Hickory				TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES				Total Receipts for All Purposes	Grand Total Expenditures for All Purposes	Pastor's Salary	Other Church Staff Salaries	Local Missions Operated by Church	Other Local Expenses	Grand Total Local Expenses
	CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES														
1	Brookford.....	R. S. Bolick, Brookford.....		18,096.00	18,507.00	2,421.00	756.00		6,314.00	9,491.00						
2	Catawba.....	Ted C. Elmore, Catawba.....		11,675.00	11,319.00	4,420.00	600.00		3,669.00	8,689.00						
3	Claremont.....	Robert R. Dorsey, Claremont.....		6,516.00	7,135.00	2,583.00	435.00		3,331.00	6,349.00						
4	Corinth.....	R. L. Whisenant, Route 1, Hickory.....		10,940.00	8,240.00	3,380.00	180.00		2,817.00	6,377.00						
5	Grace.....	Lester Whitener, Rt. 3, Box 173, Hickory.....		3,576.00	3,603.00	2,340.00			1,186.00	3,526.00						
6	Hickory, Calvary.....	Mrs. Violet Robinette, Rt. 3, Box 8, Hickory.....		10,983.00	10,922.00	3,900.00	865.00		4,109.00	8,874.00						
7	" Community.....	Ralph A. Houser, 1216 30th St. S. W., Hickory.....		7,615.00	7,369.00	3,420.00	212.00		3,737.00	7,369.00						
8	" East Hickory.....	Parks Rogers, 933 14th St. S. E., Hickory.....		30,988.00	42,786.00	5,200.00	2,126.00		32,500.00	39,826.00						
9	" (a) E. Hickory Mission.....	R. T. Boatwright, Conover.....		8,779.00	3,976.00	975.00	510.00		1,589.00	3,074.00						
10	" East Hickory Total.....	C. W. Broome, 26 5th Ave. N. W., Hickory.....		39,767.00	46,762.00	6,175.00	2,636.00		34,089.00	42,900.00						
11	" First.....	A. C. Ogren, 829 Main Ave. N. E., Hickory.....		187,042.00	175,792.00	9,000.00	28,439.00		77,962.00	115,401.00						
12	" Highland.....	Fred T. Cochran, Box 151-A, Hickory.....		55,859.00	57,864.00	5,200.00	5,611.00		36,419.00	47,230.00						
13	" Longview.....	Walter Daniels, 58 34th St. N. W., Hickory.....		12,166.00	12,211.00	3,900.00	642.00		6,444.00	10,986.00						
14	" Oakland Heights.....	Jack Cordell, 512 33rd St. S. W., Hickory.....		5,753.00	5,211.00	3,120.00	196.00		1,257.00	4,573.00						
15	" Pendole.....	J. L. Woody, Route 2, Hickory.....		58,970.00	59,846.00	6,250.00	10,334.00		31,249.00	47,833.00						
16	" Temple.....	John L. Keever, 1928 N. Center St., Hickory.....		21,485.00	24,409.00	4,680.00	2,808.00		15,099.00	22,677.00						
17	" West Hickory.....	A. E. Gabbard, 422 11th St. S. W., Hickory.....		77,728.00	327,599.00	6,240.00	12,018.00		297,607.00	315,865.00						
18	Hildebran, First.....	Frank Johnson, Hildebran.....		59,788.00	56,095.00	5,110.00	10,093.00		27,664.00	43,867.00						
19	Icard.....	Miss Julia Carswell, Rt. 1, Box 25, Connely Springs.....		35,558.00	23,691.00	5,200.00	3,770.00		5,990.00	14,960.00						
20	Mountain Grove.....	Mrs. Glenn Wilson, Route 1, Hickory.....		13,734.00	11,853.00	4,560.00	858.00		4,515.00	9,963.00						
21	Newton, First.....	Mrs. Howard Deal, Route 2, Newton.....		12,063.00	10,820.00	4,505.00	903.00		3,031.00	8,439.00						
22	" North.....	E. D. Parkhurst, Box 98, Conover.....		57,249.00	30,371.00	6,700.00	7,470.00		23,421.00	23,421.00						
23	Oyama.....	Charles R. Shook, Rt. 2, Box 38-A, Conover.....		21,442.00	23,668.00	4,680.00	1,561.00		13,993.00	20,234.00						
24	Providence.....	Mrs. Cecil Brittain, Route 4, Hickory.....		10,944.00	10,029.00	2,790.00	195.00		6,610.00	9,595.00						
25	Sandy Ridge.....	E. G. Martin, Rt. 3, Box 486, Hickory.....		9,515.00	9,515.00	3,900.00	220.00		4,246.00	8,366.00						
26	" (a) Midway Mission.....	Mrs. Marian Barger, Rt. 3, Box 666, Hickory.....		16,523.00	15,765.00	4,940.00	986.00	491.00	8,248.00	14,665.00						
27	Sandy Ridge Total.....	Ray Lafone, Rt. 2, Box 215, Hickory.....		1,459.00	1,459.00		975.00		975.00	1,425.00						
28	Spartan.....	James H. Fox, Route 1, Newton.....		18,308.00	17,924.00	5,390.00	986.00	491.00	9,223.00	16,090.00						
29	Sweetwater.....	Edward E. Martin, 528 21st St. S. W., Hickory.....		15,862.00	15,328.00	2,833.00	964.00		9,695.00	13,492.00						
30	Warlick's.....	Miss Jewell Hendrix, Valdese.....		3,022.00	3,324.00	1,590.00			1,601.00	3,191.00						
31	Wayside.....	Harold Klutz, 204 12th St. N. W., Hickory.....		6,000.00	7,789.00	2,645.00	225.00		7,457.00	7,327.00						
32	*Conover, First.....			15,700.00	14,159.00	4,160.00	893.00		7,454.00	12,487.00						
	Totals.....			5,978.00	5,618.00	3,175.00			2,375.00	5,550.00						

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TABLE I. MISSION EXPENDITURES AND TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1959

Index Number	CHURCHES	Associational Missionary None	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Cooperative Program	Designated Association	Missions State	Missions Home	Designated Foreign Missions	Designated Christian Education, Schools	Designated Children's Homes	Hospitals	Other objects Bible Society, Homes for Aged, etc.	Total Missions Expenditures
1	Brookford.....		Bruce B. Bishop, 1240 10th St. N. E., Hickory.	9,372.00	160.00	60.00	235.00	154.00	300.00	1,891.00	83.00	370.00	9,016.00
2	Catawba.....		Miss Edna Danner, P. O. Box 83, Catawba.	1,300.00	36.00	17.00	20.00	71.00		505.00	116.00	100.00	2,630.00
3	Claremont.....		Clifford Spencer, Rt. 2, Newton.	620.00	120.00	54.00	69.00	232.00	17.00	204.00	22.00	639.00	1,863.00
4	Corinth.....		Miss Elma Stallings, Rt. 3, Vale.	456.00	40.00		4.00	20.00			10.00	3.00	77.00
5	Grace.....		Melvin R. Couch, N. Main St., Lenoir.					100.00	807.00	28.00	21.00	1,092.00	2,048.00
6	Hickory, Calvary.....		Mrs. David W. Hollar, 1210 18th St. S. W., Hickory.										
7	" Community.....		Junior Lefford, 71 15th St. S. E., Hickory.										
8	" East Hickory.....		Miss Jeanette Walker, 921 15th St. N. E., Hickory.										
9	" (a) E. Hickory Mission.....		Loy Abernethy, Conover.	2,166.00	200.00	78.00	100.00	264.00	5.00	56.00	71.00	20.00	2,960.00
10	" First.....		James R. Glenn, 1228 12th St. Circle N. W., Hickory.	732.00	78.00	21.00	23.00				32.00	16.00	3,902.00
11	" Highland.....		V. H. White, P. O. Box 355, Hickory.	2,998.00	278.00	99.00	123.00	264.00	5.00	56.00	103.00	36.00	3,862.00
12	" Longview.....		Nelle Hubbard, 34 20th St. N. W., Hickory.	47,112.00	1,125.00	1,163.00	1,103.00	5,465.00	1,067.00	1,279.00	691.00	786.00	60,391.00
13	" Oakland Heights.....		Cecil Sigmon, 318 33rd St. S. W., Hickory.	7,492.00	709.00	164.00	224.00	849.00	432.00	296.00	211.00	257.00	10,634.00
14	" Temple.....		Mrs. Carl King, Rt. 1, Box 557-A, Hickory.	999.00	120.00		20.00	49.00		102.00	28.00		1,225.00
15	" Viewmont.....		Penelope.....	300.00	42.00	12.00		18.00	143.00				638.00
16	" West Hickory.....		Mrs. Glen Waters, Rt. 3, Box 250, Hickory.	10,361.00	384.00	3.00	165.00	1,006.00	64.00	5.00	15.00	10.00	12,013.00
17	Hildebran, First.....		Miss Elizabeth Robinson, 1717 3rd St. N. E., Hickory.	1,199.00	140.00	31.00	68.00	188.00	20.00	16.00	36.00	34.00	1,732.00
18	" Mountain Grove.....		James A. Pierce, 942 14th St. Dr. S. E., Hickory.	7,000.00	600.00	89.00	452.00	1,638.00	640.00	392.00	210.00	713.00	11,734.00
19	" North.....		Mrs. J. D. Hoyle, P. O. Box 442, Hildebran.	9,089.00	600.00	300.00	130.00	1,422.00	63.00	228.00	243.00	153.00	12,228.00
20	" Providence.....		James L. Ledford, P. O. Box 116, Icard.	2,880.00	396.00	107.00	476.00	4,282.00	100.00	105.00	68.00	317.00	8,731.00
21	" Sandy Ridge.....		Mrs. C. S. Eckard, Route 1, Hickory.	985.00	156.00	50.00	117.00	351.00	86.00	25.00	75.00	25.00	1,870.00
22	" Sandy Ridge Total.....		Mrs. C. S. Eckard, Route 1, Hickory.	1,200.00	204.00	12.00	71.00	302.00		48.00	170.00	74.00	2,081.00
23	Startown.....		Mrs. James A. Matson, 809 S. Cline Ave., Newton.	2,877.00	405.00	221.00	367.00	2,102.00	125.00	500.00	210.00	143.00	6,950.00
24	Sweetwater.....		Fay P. Drum, 2012 N. Ashe Ave., Newton.	2,496.00	228.00	37.00	49.00	174.00	100.00	125.00	53.00	172.00	3,434.00
25	Warlick.....		Mrs. Ben H. Roberts, Rt. 2, Box 63.	300.00	24.00	32.00	37.00	29.00		27.00	22.00		434.00
26	Wayside.....		Millie Whiteaker, Rt. 4, Box 380, Hickory.	130.00	132.00	75.00	60.00	150.00	50.00	250.00	215.00	87.00	1,149.00
27	*Conover, First.....		Mrs. Donnie Page, Rt. 3, Hickory.	440.00	182.00	66.00	60.00	208.00		122.00	59.00		1,100.00
28	" Sandy Ridge Total.....		Miss Hazel Pope, Route 1, Conover.	25.00						9.00			34.00
29	Springs Road.....		Roy Lafone, Route 2, Box 211, Hickory.	465.00	182.00	66.00		208.00		131.00	59.00	23.00	1,134.00
30	Startown.....		Herman B. Yother, Route 1, Newton.	1,362.00	32.00	32.00	30.00	317.00	8.00	56.00	26.00	16.00	1,836.00
31	Sweetwater.....		Mrs. L. Leate Carpenter, Rt. 3, Box 186, Hickory.	50.00	25.00	11.00	6.00	37.00	7.00	13.00	3.00	10.00	103.00
32	Warlick.....		E. T. Berry, Icard.....	200.00	60.00	11.00	7.00	36.00	7.00	5.00	21.00	20.00	462.00
33	Wayside.....		Mrs. Fay Kutz, 204 12th St. N. W., Hickory.	1,456.00	60.00	28.00	15.00	42.00		20.00	41.00	20.00	1,672.00
34	*Conover, First.....				60.00		5.00	3.00					68.00
Totals.....				109,719.00	6,236.00	2,673.00	3,816.00	19,479.00	4,640.00	6,322.00	2,846.00	5,100.00	160,831.00

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(Morning, afternoon and evening sessions)**

1960



REV. J. LOUIS PRICE
TO WHOM THIS VOLUME OF MINUTES IS DEDICATED
BY ORDER OF THE ASSOCIATION

Rev. J. Louis Price was born in Wilson County, N. C., February 1, 1893. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ruffin P. Price. When converted at about 17 years of age, he united with the Stantonsburg Baptist Church and there served as a deacon, Sunday School Superintendent and as officer in the Training Union.

After being called to the ministry he attended Mars Hill College and graduated at Wake Forest College with the B.A. Degree in 1920. After teaching school for a year he attended the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary of Louisville, Ky. where he graduated with the Th.M. Degree in 1925. During his college and seminary days he supplied and pastored several churches.

After graduating from the Seminary he was pastor of the Roberts Chapel, Buckhorn field of churches, in the West Chowan Association in North Carolina for five years, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, Bloxom, Virginia, for six years, of the First Baptist Church of Siler City, N. C. He came to Penelope Baptist Church of Hickory, N. C., in 1941 where he served as pastor for twelve years. His last pastorate of three years was the Dudley Shoals Baptist Church near Granite Falls from which he retired in 1956.

During his entire ministry he has taken great interest in the local association and in the Baptist State Convention. He has served on very important committees of the convention, among which was the program committee, and also as Vice President of the Pastor's Conference of the Baptist State Convention. He also served as a trustee of Chowan College.

Mr. Price married Miss Dora Mae Eplee of Glenwood, near Marion, N. C. She has been a gracious and loving helpmate. They have two sons, Dr. James L. Price, a Hickory dentist, and William R. Price, employed by the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company of Hickory.

Mr. and Mrs. Price have built a home in Hickory and are continuing to serve the Lord with gladness and the loyalty that has always characterized their service in His harvest fields.

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Wayside		

IMPORTANT NOTICES

1. This association has no Baptist school, hospital, encampment, orphanage, state or south-wide agency or board located within its borders.

2. There is no W. M. U., Sunday School, Training Union or Brotherhood meeting during the sessions of our association. All these meet at some other time. No minutes of their meetings were furnished the clerk for publication except the W. M. U. Information on their work can be found in their reports to this body.

3. The calendar activities of the association is incomplete at this time but will be issued at a later date.

4. Reports to this session of the association are found in the section immediately following the Proceedings of Association and bear the name of chairman of the committee only.

5. In the Proceedings of the Association no mention is made of a motion for the adoption of reports. The fact that they appear in the minutes prove their adoption.

LIST OF MESSENGERS

- BROOKFORD (3) Mrs. Ray Pope, Mrs. I. M. Simpson
- CATAWBA (5) B. A. Cooper (Pastor), Mrs. L. N. Rink, Loreta Trollinger, Mrs. S. C. Wike, H. A. Witherspoon, Mrs. H. A. Witherspoon
- CLAREMONT, FIRST (4) Hampton L. Seronce (Pastor), Robert L. Dorsey, R. E. Monday, Mrs. Ralph E. Monday, Mrs. Lenda Starr
- CORINTH (5) James F. Graham (Pastor), C. V. Stallings, Miss Elma Stallings, Mrs. Roy Stallings, Mrs. James Graham, C. S. Rhoney
- GRACE (3) D. E. Couch, Sr. (Pastor), Mrs. E. J. Jackson, Lester Whitener, Mrs. Lester Whitener
- HICKORY, CALVARY (5) W. W. Marr (Pastor), Mrs. W. W. Marr
- HICKORY, COMMUNITY (4) R. L. Ball (Pastor)
- HICKORY, EAST (7) T. W. Nelson (Pastor), Mrs. E. D. Canipe, Lois Canipe, Mrs. G. W. DeHart, Joe Franklin, Mrs. J. C. Friar, Mrs. T. W. Nelson, Clemmie Self
- EAST HICKORY MISSION (3) Carl L. Lee (Pastor), R. T. Boatwright, D. M. Brunson, Sr., Mrs. Robert R. Fisher
- HICKORY, FIRST (18) G. Othell Hand (Pastor), O. B. Austin, Frelon W. Broome, David O. Byler, Mrs. Jessie Dellinger, Mrs. L. P. Frans, J. D. Greene, Donald Greene, Mrs. G. E. McKee, Mrs. B. O. Varner
- HICKORY, HIGHLAND (10) J. Howard Cates (Pastor), Mrs. Howard Cates, W. B. Duncan, Mrs. W. B. Duncan, Clifford D. Moses, Mrs. A. C. Ogren, Eldon W. Payne, James Snyder, E. M. Suggs, M. C. Turbyfill, V. H. White
- MIDWAY MISSION (3) Ernest C. Robinson (Pastor), Mrs. T. L. Hedrick, Mrs. Ray Hefner
- HICKORY, LONGVIEW (6) J. D. Compton (Pastor), O. S. Chester, Wayne Elder, John Munday
- HICKORY, OAKLAND HEIGHTS (4) Berry Lafone (Pastor), Rosa Hefner, Mrs. Ellen Townsend, Peggy Wilcox
- HICKORY, PENELOPE (13) O. Jack Murphy (Pastor), Mrs. John Banks, Mrs. Linwood Brittan, Mrs. Julius Butler, O. T. Crump, Mrs. O. T. Crump, Mrs. B. A. Fox, Mrs. W. I. Keller, Mrs. J. D. McCray, O. E. McCray, Mrs. O. Jack Murphy, Mrs. Howard Penland, Mrs. Henry Starnes, Mrs. J. A. Walker
- HICKORY, TEMPLE (7) W. S. Elliott (Pastor), Mrs. Dillon Cannon, Mrs. W. S. Elliott, J. Z. Fulbright, Cecil Mull, E. F. Sullivan, Mrs. E. F. Sullivan, Mrs. Alan Younce
- HICKORY, VIEWMONT (12) Albert A. Young (Pastor), Mrs. Joe Beckom, Charles R. Brown, Mrs. T. F. Digh, A. T. Fox, Robert L. Huff, Mrs. W. F. Webster, Mrs. A. A. Young
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STARTOWN (3) Kenneth M. Bowen (Pastor)

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WARLICK (7) M. L. Hastings (Pastor), Mrs. Clyde Church, A. L. Elliott, Mrs. M. L. Hastings, Fred Hendrix, Mrs. Charlie Orders

WAYSIDE (4) J. A. Cook, Thomas Harding, Mrs. Charles Klutz, Mrs. Albert Leatherman

CONSTITUTION

Adopted October 25, 1956

Article I. NAME

This body shall be known as the Theron Rankin Baptist Association.

Article II. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the association shall be to devise and implement plans for the enlargement and accomplishment of the missionary enterprise of the member churches through fellowship and cooperation with each other. The association shall seek to recommend measures for the increased harmony and spiritual power of member churches. It shall provide an organizational framework for the promotion of the cause of missions, including education and evangelism, through the program sponsored by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Article III. ARTICLES OF FAITH

The articles of faith of this association, which shall be the basis of fellowship and cooperation, are those adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis, May 14, 1925.

Article IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The association shall be composed of the Missionary Baptist Churches which are members of the present association.

Section 2. The association shall receive into its fellowship and program such other Missionary Baptist Churches as adhere to the teachings of the Bible as expressed in the Articles of Faith of the association, subscribe to the constitution and by-laws of the association, and support the Southern Baptist and North Carolina Baptist Missions program.

Section 3. The association shall withdraw fellowship from member churches upon their continual refusal to cooperate in the accomplishment of the objective of the association.

Article V. MEETINGS

Section 1. The association shall meet in regular session annually for two days in one or more of its member churches for the purpose of transacting the business of the association and for the inspiration of member churches in the support of the cause of missions.

Section 2. Upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Moderator shall call special meetings of the association when necessary with adequate notice to all member churches.

Section 3. Meetings of the association organizations, i.e., Sunday School, Baptist Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood, shall be held during the associational year under the leadership of the associational officers. The purpose of these meetings shall be the promotion of the missionary enterprise through the work of the individual organizations.

Article VI. OFFICERS

The officers of the association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Historian, Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, W. M. U. President, Brotherhood President, Director of Music, three Trustees, and Publicity Chairman.

Article VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

The standing committees of the association shall be as follows: Executive, Nominating, Program, Membership, Resolutions, Extension, Finance, Time and Place, Christian Life, and Evangelism.

Article VIII. AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended on the first day of the annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the messengers present provided that such amendment, alteration or repeal shall have been presented in writing at the previous annual meeting.

BY-LAWS

Article I. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Application from Missionary Baptist Churches desiring membership in the association shall be in the hands of the membership committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting. This committee shall report on the first day of the annual meeting. Messengers of the applying churches may be seated upon its acceptance into the membership of the association by two-thirds majority vote.

Section 2. Member churches, at the close of the associational year, shall send annually to the association a report relative to the location, dates of preaching, membership, baptisms, revivals and other information. Forms for the gathering of this information will be furnished by the clerk of the association.

Article II. MEETINGS

Section 1. The annual meeting of the association shall be held on Thursday and Friday following the third Sunday in October.

Section 2. The association year shall close on September 30.

Section 3. Reports to the annual meeting of the association, with the exception of the report of the Executive Committee, shall be limited to 300 words.

Section 4. Parliamentary procedure of all meetings of the association and its Executive Committee shall be in accordance with Kerfoot's "Parliamentary Practice."

Section 5. Business sessions of the association shall be composed of messengers from the member churches. Each member church shall send three messengers for the first 100 members of the church and one messenger for each additional 100 members or major fraction thereof.

Article III. ELECTION AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers of the association shall be elected by majority vote. The Moderator and Vice-Moderator shall be nominated from the floor. Other officers

shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. Nominations by the Nominating Committee, however, shall not preclude nominations from the floor. All officers shall assume their duties at the close of the annual meeting. Vacancies occurring between meetings of the association shall be filled by the Executive Committee upon nomination from the Nominating Committee.

Section 2. The Moderator shall preside over the annual meetings of the association and all meetings of the Executive Committee. He may, by fraternal visitation, counsel and advise with the churches regarding the work of the association during the year. He shall not be eligible to succeed himself after the third successive term. He is ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 3. The Vice-Moderator shall assist the Moderator in ways designated by the Moderator.

Section 4. The Clerk shall keep all records of the association, distribute report blanks to the clerks of member churches, make accurate record of the proceedings of the body in session, and prepare and issue the minutes as soon as possible after the annual meeting of the association. He shall also serve as Clerk of the Executive Committee.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall receive, deposit and disburse all funds of the association as designated by the association or its Executive Committee. He shall report quarterly to the Executive Committee and present an audited report at the annual meeting of the Association. The Treasurer shall calculate the quota of each church in the support of the budget according to the financial plan of the association and notify member churches as to the amount of their quota.

Section 6. The Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, W. M. U. President and Brotherhood President shall promote the work of their respective organizations, lead educational and inspirational meetings for their organizations, and encourage the organization of new units in the member churches of the association.

Section 7. The Director of Music shall assist in developing better music in member churches. He shall be responsible for the music at all meetings of the association and its Executive Committee; leading the music, providing accompaniment and arranging for special music.

Section 8. The Trustees shall be the legal representatives of the association in all matters relating to law, sign all legal documents as directed by the association and/or the Executive Committee. They shall have the power, under instructions of the association and/or the Executive Committee, to hold, buy, sell and convey property, both real and personal and to sign all papers necessary for the purchase of conveyance. The Trustees shall administer the Scholarship fund.

Section 9. The Historian shall record as a part of the permanent record of the association those facts and events that are of historical value to the association.

Article IV. ELECTION AND DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. All standing committees of the association, with the exception of the Executive Committee, shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the

messengers present at the annual meeting. All standing committees, with the exception of the Executive and Nominating Committees, shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee, shall be nominated from the floor.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the association, and the pastor and one layman from each church of the association. The officers of the association shall be the officers of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once quarterly on Friday following the fourth Sunday of the second month of each quarter. The duty of the Executive Committee shall be to conduct the affairs of the association between its annual meetings. It shall supervise the work of the standing committees of the association and be empowered to appoint such other temporary committees as are necessary for the effective carrying out of the work of the association.

Section 3. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members. It shall nominate the officers of the association, with the exception of the Executive and Nominating Committees.

Section 4. The Program Committee shall consist of five members, including the host pastor or pastors and associational Director of Music. This committee shall prepare and distribute to member churches a copy of the suggested program for the annual meeting at least 30 days before the meeting.

Section 5. The Membership Committee shall consist of five members. It shall receive and consider all petitionary letters regarding churches seeking membership in the association. It shall investigate and make recommendations concerning any complaints relative to the fellowship and cooperation of member churches.

Section 6. The Resolutions Committee shall consist of five members. It shall draft all resolutions directed to it and others as it deems wise.

Section 7. The Extension Committee shall consist of five members. The work of this committee shall be to discover places for mission churches.

Section 8. The Finance Committee shall consist of four members and the Treasurer as ex-officio chairman. This committee shall prepare a proposed budget for the association. It shall also recommend a financial plan for subscribing the budget.

Section 9. The Place and Preacher Committee shall consist of five members. It shall receive invitations and recommend places for the annual meeting of the association. It also shall recommend a preacher and an alternate for the annual sermon.

Section 10. The Christian Life Committee shall consist of five members. It shall keep abreast of the moral level of the life of the community. It shall lead the association in Christian conduct, cooperating with other groups, such as, The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, The Allied Church League, the Citizens' Committee for Good Government, working for the moral improvement of the Christian life of the community.

Article V. AMENDMENTS

The By-Laws may be altered or amended at any business session of the association by two-thirds vote of the messengers present provided that a minimum of 30 days' notice have been given to each of the member churches.

Proceedings

FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

THURSDAY MORNING

October 20, 1960

1. The fifth annual session of Theron Rankin Baptist Association convened with the East Hickory Baptist Church. David O. Byler directed the singing and James Snyder was at the piano. Following the singing of the Hymn, "We're Marching To Zion," Matt L. Hastings gave the devotional reading from Luke 16.

2. The Moderator, J. Howard Cates, announced the fifth annual session was ready to transact business. The host pastor, T. W. Nelson brought greetings to those present.

3. On motion, The printed program was adopted as the order of service.

PROGRAM

Thursday Morning—October 20, 1960

East Hickory Baptist Church

1960-61 Theme: Stewardship and Enlistment

"Give an account of thy stewardship"—Luke 16:2

10:00—Praise and Prayer.....Matt L. Hastings

10:10—Organization and Report of Program Committee

10:30—Stewardship and Enlistment in North Carolina

Christian Literature.....Frank Poovey

Baptist Hospital.....B. R. Holbrook

Children's Homes.....Wayne Riddle

Homes for the Aging.....Mrs. Lee P. Frans

State Missions.....Albert A. Young

Hymn

11:00—Address.....Earle L. Bradley, Raleigh, N. C.

11:30—Hymn

11:35—Training Union Report.....Frelon W. Broome

11:45—Special Music—Solo.....David Byler

11:55—Annual Sermon.....Albert A. Young

12:30—Lunch

Thursday Afternoon

"It is required of stewards that a man be found faithful"—I Cor. 4:2

1:45—Praise and Prayer.....Robert L. Graham

1:55—Home Missions Report.....Ted L. Starnes

2:00—Music Report.....	Hendley Ellington
2:10—Ministers Retirement.....	E. F. Sullivan
2:20—Business Session	
Hymn	
2:50—Christian Education Report.....	Mrs. W. S. Elliott
2:55—Special Music.....	Mrs. T. W. Nelson
3:00—Address—“Our College Story”.....	Othell Hand
3:30—Adjourn	

Thursday Evening—October 20, 1960

Viewmont Baptist Church

“... good stewards of the manifold grace of God . . .”—I Peter 4:10

7:15—Worship through Song and Scripture.....	W. E. Melvin
Special Music by Viewmont Baptist Choir—Charles Brown, Director	
7:30—Brotherhood Report.....	G. Wayne DeHart
7:35—Evangelism Report.....	O. Jack Murphy
7:40—Address.....	Julian S. Hopkins, Raleigh, N. C.
8:10—Hymn.....	Hendley Ellington
8:15—W.M.U. Report.....	Mrs. B. R. Holbrook
8:25—Foreign Mission Report.....	Mrs. T. W. Nelson
8:30—Special Music—Viewmont Baptist Choir	
8:35—Address.....	Dr. Luke B. Smith, Richmond, Va.
9:05—Benediction.....	Frank H. Thomas
Choral Response	

Friday Morning—October 21, 1960

“... ministers of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God”—I Cor. 4:1

10:00—Praise and Prayer.....	R. L. Ball
10:10—Memorial Service.....	J. Louis Price
10:25—Business Session	
10:45—Sunday School Report.....	T. W. Nelson
10:50—Address	
11:15—American Bible Society.....	Robert L. Huff
11:25—Miscellaneous Business	
Hymn.....	Charles Brown
11:45—Christian Life Committee.....	G. Othell Hand
11:55—Special Music	
12:00—Address.....	Eugene Poston, Gardner-Webb College
12:30—Adjourn	

Lunch

4. All pastors present formed a choir and with David O. Byler, directing they sang "Rise Up, O Men of God" and "Stand Up for Jesus."

5. The Moderator introduced each pastor attending the opening session. The new pastors who have come into the association since the last annual session were presented by O. Jack Murphy. They were: Frank H. Thomas, West Hickory; Harold Testor, Newton, First; James Graham, Corinth; Jack Falls, Providence.

6. The Registration chairman, V. H. White, reported 127 messengers and 51 visitors present.

7. In keeping with the procedure set up in 1958, a mimeographed book of reports was distributed to each messenger. Five minutes was given to each section with these speaking: Christian Literature, W. S. Elliott; Baptist Hospital, B. R. Holbrook and Dr. C. C. Carpenter of the Baptist Hospital; Children's Homes, Wayne Riddle and Vernon Sparrow of the Children's Homes; Homes for the Aging, Mrs. L. P. Frans; State Missions, Albert A. Young and Ernest Robinson (speaking for Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute). A motion to adopt the reports as printed in the book of reports was adopted.

8. Following the singing of the Hymn, "Our Best," Earle Bradley, Director of the Division of Stewardship Promotion and Editorial Services of the Baptist State Convention, brought a message on stewardship.

9. With the Vice-Moderator, B. A. Cooper of Catawba, presiding the group sang the Hymn, "Send the Light." Guy Cain, Associate to Earle Bradley, was recognized.

10. Frelon Broome, retiring Training Union Director, presented his report. The pastors of Corinth and Longview churches were recognized for having the best percentage present for "M" Night last December.

11. The churches that had not already done so were urged to enter the Group Hospital Insurance Plan for the association.

12. T. W. Nelson made announcement concerning the lunch to be served following the morning session.

13. Following the singing of a solo, "Then Jesus Came" by David O Byler, Albert A. Young brought the annual sermon basing his message on Mark 8:35 and John 12:24.

14. A bountiful meal was served by the host church at the noon hour.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

15. James Snyder led in the singing of "Loyalty to Christ." Mrs. Mack Stafford was at the piano. James Graham read from I Corinthians and led in prayer.

16. Ted L. Starnes brought the report on Home Missions. Registration was reported as 144 Messengers and 73 Visitors with all churches represented. The wives of the new pastors were presented.

17. James Snyder gave the Music Report.

18. E. F. Sullivan gave the report on Minister's Retirement.

19. Upon the recommendation of the Membership committee the First Baptist Church of Conover was received into full fellowship.

20. The report of the Extension Committee was given by B. R. Holbrook. This included the accepting of the recommendation that the East Hickory Mission at Conover be organized into a "Golden Jubilee Baptist Church"

21. The report of the Executive Committee was given by J. Howard Cates.

22. T. W. Nelson, chairman of the Committee on an Associational Office presented their report. The following recommendation was adopted: That we accept the offer of First Baptist Church, Hickory, of a room to promote our work, with a part time secretary to be referred to the Executive Committee when such services are needed.

23. The committee appointed to investigate the possibility of our securing property at Ridgecrest reported that they found nothing available in lots or buildings for us to purchase.

24. T. W. Nelson presented the proposed changes in our constitution as presented at the 1959 annual session by Fritz D. Hemphill. Following voting on several of these items the question was raised that these should be placed before a committee to study revision of our present constitution. Since the time had expired for the discussion of this business the matter was tabled until the next business session.

25. Following the singing of the Hymn, "Take My Life and Let It Be," W. S. Elliott presented the Christian Education report. W. L. Lynch, Dean of Students of Mars Hill College, and Lawson Allen, Vice President of Gardner-Webb College brought greetings. A solo, "The Love of God," was sung by Mrs. T. W. Nelson. Dr. G. Othell Hand brought a message on "Our College Story."

26. W. S. Elliott led in the closing prayer.

THURSDAY EVENING

27. The evening session convened at Viewmont Church.

28. The Call to Worship, "Spirit of the Living God," was sung by the Viewmont choir with Albert A. Young leading in prayer. Charles Brown led in singing of the Hymn "Serve the Lord With Gladness." Mrs. Ralph Kendall was at the organ. William E. Melvin read from II Corinthians and led in prayer.

29. The Viewmont choir sang, "Give Me Thy Heart" and Albert A. Young extended a welcome to all present.

30. Wayne DeHart gave the Brotherhood report.

31. O. Jack Murphy gave the Evangelism report. He announced the associational Evangelism Clinic at Hickory, First on November 21st and the Simultaneous Revival beginning April 9th, 1960. Julian Hopkins, Secretary of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention Department of Evangelism, brought a message.

32. Hendley Ellington, retiring Director of Music of the association, led in singing the Hymn, "At the Cross." William E. Melvin led in prayer.

33. Mrs. B. R. Holbrook presented the Woman's Missionary Union report.

34. The Foreign Mission report was given by Mrs. T. W. Nelson.

35. The Viewmont Choir sang, "Come Ye Disconsolate." Mr. Luke B. Smith, Assistant Secretary for Missionary Personnel of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia, brought the closing message.

36. Frank H. Thomas gave the benediction.

FRIDAY MORNING

October 21, 1960

37. The Friday morning session convened at Viewmont church. Charles Brown led in singing the Hymn, "Trust and Obey." Mrs. Ralph Kendall was at the organ. R. L. Ball read from I Corinthians and led in a prayer.

38. J. Louis Price conducted the memorial service with David Byler bringing special music.

39. The registration, Mr. White, reported 88 messengers and 29 visitors registered for the second day.

40. J. D. Greene gave the Historian report.

41. The report of Treasurer and the Finance committee presented by Heath B. Marsh was adopted.

42. By motion the business that was tabled on the first day was brought back on the floor. The chair ruled that the Items voted on at the previous session were out of order because they were By-Laws and Article V of the By-Laws states that to amend the By-Laws a minimum of 30 days' notice having been given to each of the member churches and this written notice had not been given.

43. A motion to appoint a committee to bring the constitution and By-Laws up to date and that these matters be referred to the committee was carried.

44. Following extension of time, Heath B. Marsh spoke on trying a new type of program for the annual session with a one day streamlined program on Thursday.

45. A motion was adopted that the association try out a one day and night streamlined meeting for the annual meeting in 1961.

46. The chair asked that the body vote to permit him to suspend Article V, Section I of the Constitution for the 1961 session.

47. T. W. Nelson brought the report of the Sunday School.

48. Robert L. Huff brought the report of the American Bible Society.

49. The nominating committee report was adopted as presented.

50. The chairman of the committee, G. Othell Hand, served notice that these changes be made to the Constitution: 1. Add the word, "Parliamentarian" to Article VI; 2. add the words, "Ordination committee" and "Constitution and By-Laws."

51. The report of the Resolutions committee was adopted as presented by the chairman, William S. Elliott.

52. The Moderator appointed the following committee on constitution and By-Laws: Albert A. Young, chairman, James Helvey, Frank H. Thomas.

53. James Helvey served notice that the change in Article V, Section 1 would be asked to be changed to this: drop the words, "two days" and add shall meet annually.

54. The following nominating committee was elected from the floor: Donald Greene, E. F. Sullivan, B. R. Holbrook, James Graham, Harold Tester.

55. These officers were elected: Moderator, Donald Greene, Vice-Moderator, W. S. Elliott.

56. The Place and Preacher committee (A. A. Young, chairman) gave the following report: Place, Penelope church; Preacher: W. S. Elliott; Matt L. Hastings, alternate.

57. A motion was adopted to replace Donald Greene (now ex-officio) on the nominating committee with Floyd Davis.

58. Albert A. Young made an announcement concerning the lunch to be served at noon.

59. The Hymn, "Stand Up For Jesus," was sung. Registration was given as 96 messengers and 44 visitors for the second day.

60. Special music was brought by a duet; Charles Brown and Mrs. W. F. Webster. Eugene Poston of Gardner-Webb College brought the closing message.

61. The retiring Moderator expressed his thanks for the cooperation given him and presented the gavel to Donald Greene, the new Moderator. E. F. Sullivan led the closing prayer.

62. Following adjournment a bountiful lunch was served by the host Church.

REPORTS

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

FRANK POOVEY

In addition to the Bible, the only true foundation to all Christian literature, we have the various Baptist periodicals, quarterlies and lesson helps, and the two Baptist newspapers that are edited and distributed by prominent church leaders in North Carolina.

The BIBLICAL RECORDER goes into many thousands of N. C. Baptist homes by subscription but ought to go into more of them. CHARITY AND CHILDREN is handed out by the churches themselves and enjoys a wide circulation among those who attend church regularly.

During the past year J. Marse Grant left the editor's chair at Charity and Children and his successor, John E. Roberts, is doing an outstanding job as editor of the orphanage weekly. He is doing almost as good a job as Mr. Grant did and that's saying a lot when you consider how the news and comments in Charity and Children has been as timely as the Hickory Daily Record during the past decade.

But since J. Marse Grant has stepped up—he has stepped *way up* as a television commercial might have expressed it—and he has really brought new life to the staid old BIBLICAL RECORDER. The official journal of the Baptist State Convention has always been a dignified weekly with only the best of reading matter pertaining to the activities of the denomination in the Old North State.

Mr. Grant however has the Recorder humming like one of those compact cars you see on the road these days. The paper has been reduced in size but it's appearance is more striking. The format has been revolutionized and the contents are as fresh and timely as your own morning or evening newspaper.

The circulation department of the Recorder, under the competent management of C. W. Bazemore, will be glad to enter the subscription of any interested Baptist, or any other person, on the mailing lists for the yearly rate of \$2.50. The management is encouraging wholesale or club plans, however, and will send out the paper for \$2.00 if the subscriptions are handled through the church offices in groups. The *Recorder* management is urging all churches to go one step farther and have the Every Family Plan put into the church budget of any church in the state and have the periodical sent to every resident member's home for \$1.50 each per year.

No matter how you get the BIBLICAL RECORDER or Charity and Children—the most important thing is to be sure and get the papers every week and then read them.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

B. R. HOLBROOK

The ministry of our Baptist Hospital reaches from Manteo to Murphy; from the Virginia to the South Carolina borders, and then wends its helpful ways to

all areas of our State. It also sheds its rays of mercy and care to dimmed areas outside our State. Last year it served more than 17,000 bed patients, plus 150,000 visits being made to the clinics and offices. About a quarter of a million of our people were affected by its services in this year.

The cost of care of service patients in 1959 was \$780,435.40 with no professional charges being made by the physicians beyond that of the insurance payments. To pay this cost the hospital had \$449,606.58 from the following sources: Welfare Funds, \$186,613.13; individual gifts, \$23,645.06; Duke Endowment, \$24,942, and the Mothers' Day offering was \$214,406.39. There was spent \$195,593.61 more than there was funds available. The operating loss for the year was \$17,144.05. It must be noted that 40% of the patients coming to the hospital are service patients. There is no reason to believe that they will become fewer. These facts lead to the one conclusion: that it must have more money if it is to continue its service of mercy and care to those in need.

Where does the Cooperative Program dollar go? The hospital receives 3.75% of the Cooperative fund which amounted to about \$129,605.11 in 1959. But this money is pledged for capital expenditures such as payments on new buildings, upkeep, equipment, etc. WE MUST DEPEND ON THE MOTHERS' DAY OFFERINGS for the service patient care and other benevolent acts.

What are we doing about it in the Theron Rankin Association? Not too much, that is for sure. This year we tried again to raise gifts. We have three captains working from Icard to Conover, contacting churches in their areas. These were: Rev. Wayne Riddle, Rev. Ted Starnes and Rev. Carl Lee. These working with your representative contacted every church with a plea for an increase. Our total increase was only \$200.90. Some churches doubled their gifts while some gave nothing. In 1959 we gave \$2,902.50 and in 1960 the amount was \$3,103.40.

May we all remember the parable of the Good Samaritan, that He is Christ, the Church is the Inn, and the hosts are the Christian members. He said to the host, "When I come again, I will repay thee." (Luke 10:35)

REPORT ON BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

WAYNE V. RIDDLE

The Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, Incorporated, is a multiple service agency providing Christian love and nurture for more than 800 deserving boys and girls annually.

The three homes are: Mills Home at Thomasville with 311 children, Kennedy Home at Kinston with 165 and Odum Home at Pembroke with 24 children.

There are 160 children in Foster Homes and 40 others who are assisted by Mother's Aid. Case work supervision is afforded 30 college students annually.

Children attend public school and participate in all school activities. Opportunities for Christian commitment and spiritual growth are afforded on campuses, in the cottages and through the churches.

Relatives, pastors, social service agencies and interested friends make inquiries about admission of children in need of care. When applications are received, well trained case workers make a thorough study of each situation to determine the need and the best possible plan of care for the child.

The Social Service Department of the Children's Homes affords case work services throughout the state. Individuals, families, pastors and churches are entitled to this help upon request.

The Baptist Child Care Program is supported through the Cooperative Program, 31.5%; Thanksgiving Offerings, 31.1%; Once-A-Month Offerings, 21.9%; Special Gifts and Endowment, 15.5%.

Income for the past three years has not been sufficient to meet minimum needs. Many children have been denied a Christian home whom we should have served. An increased Thanksgiving Offering is imperative this year.

North Carolina Baptists have been caring for homeless and dependent children for 75 years. Appropriate observance of the 75th Anniversary will be made in November. During these years, more than 8,000 children have been afforded life's best opportunities. The need for such services increases with the development of industry, increase in population, growth of cities and the mounting tensions which occur to families in an urbanized society.

John E. Roberts became Editor of CHARITY AND CHILDREN, June 1, 1960. We envision, under his leadership, this paper making an increasing contribution to the total life of our Baptist people.

North Carolina Baptists will continue to love and serve dependent children. No other object is so worthy of service and sacrifice. Many areas of unmet need confronts us each day. Your continued interest and increasing support will help us meet them.

REPORT ON N. C. HOMES FOR THE AGING

MRS. L. P. FRANS

God's gift to the Homes for the Aging during the past nine years has been James M. Hayes, Sr. No man could have worked harder, or accomplished more, than this dedicated man of God. On July 1st, he relinquished the heavy and challenging responsibilities of the office of general superintendent to his successor, William A. Poole.

The new superintendent is diligently at work and is finding a solid foundation on which to build and expand the ministry to the aging in our midst.

Great blessings are in store for us in this tenth year of our Homes for the Aging. The new infirmary Annex, constructed at a cost of \$193,000.00 and with 28 new rooms, will be in use by September 1st. It is hoped that the construction of the proposed new Hamilton Home can be started by late summer, with facilities for around 30 additional residents.

At present, there are sixty applicants on the waiting list, and new inquiries and applications pouring in daily. We now have a total of 106 in our three homes. We have rejoiced with one of our residents who celebrated her 99th birthday in July. We have been saddened by the deaths of four of our residents since last October.

One of the life-lines in our work is the vital relationship that we have with the pastors and churches in our Convention. We could not operate without this very important and blessed tie that binds. We are increasingly dependent upon the prayers and the financial support of our churches. We shall welcome a visit to the Homes from our fellow Baptists at any time.

We must attempt great things for God and expect great things from God as we plan for the future in our ministry to the ever-growing number of the aging who need the loving care of North Carolina Baptists.

STATE MISSIONS

ALBERT A. YOUNG

There are more than 2,000,000 lost people in North Carolina and about 500,000 of these are adults. Close to 96,000 boys and girls reach the junior age (9) each year in North Carolina. This within itself presents a great task.

Evangelism is not complete until the saved are trained. State Missions serves to both win and edify.

State Missions is the means by which we can effectively do the work so urgently needed in the Name of our Lord. Our support of State Missions undergirds our Sunday School work, Training Union endeavor, Associational Missionaries, Missionary Pastors, Assemblies and Camps, Fruitland Bible Institute, Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador work, Ministry to other races, Pastor's schools, Church Planning, Church Development, Evangelism, Music Ministry, Hospital and Institutional Ministry, Ministry to the Deaf, Student Union, etc.

Perhaps in no other area is so much done for so little as through State Missions as all these ministries are promoted and extended by this means. You will be welcome to investigate one or all these numerous services and see for yourself that each one is vital and indispensable to the progress of the Kingdom of our Lord. State Missions Day for 1961 is September 17. Observe it with an offering.

REPORT ON TRAINING UNION

FRELON BROOME

At the end of the church year 32 churches reported having Training Unions, two more than was reported last year.

The Training Union committee helped organize a Training Union at East Hickory Baptist Mission and helped in a study course for the new workers there.

"M" Night was observed at First Church, Hickory. Rev. Carl Bates of Charlotte, First Church, was principal speaker. An attendance of 600 was reported.

A Vocational Guidance Clinic was held at First Church, Hickory, with South-wide leadership in charge. The attendance was excellent locally with people attending from churches outside the association.

Training Union tournaments were started again this year and held at Viewmont Church. The winners advanced on to the regional tournament at Belmont with Miss Ann Campbell of Hickory, First Church, winning the Better Speakers Tournament and advancing to the N. C. tournament at Fruitland where she was runner-up to the winner.

Youth Night was observed at Hickory, First Church, with many churches in the association represented.

The Executive Committee of the Training Union organization held all meetings up to the last quarter with a dinner meeting being held at Mull's Motel.

We feel that much work was accomplished in Training Union this year however there is a great challenge and much to be accomplished as we look forward to next year.

Rev. Wayne Riddle of Icard has accepted the job as Training Union Director for this year and will present his slate of officers and committeemen at this association meeting.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

TED L. STARNES

The Home Mission Board is being viewed with keen interest by our churches in America and by international eyes abroad. The Home Mission Board is a *sounding board* to the world which reflects our interest and compassion to the untold thousands without Christ. This great channel of service must be effective on the home front to influence the world wide mission program.

The progress to report is heartening in this work. We now have more than 2,000 missionaries in the field for Home Missions and about 500 Student Summer Missionaries. We gave about \$109,000 through the Cooperative Program last year in our association; or about \$9.50 per church member. This money is distributed through the many facets of the Board including Evangelism, Church loans, Chaplaincy, Pioneer and associational Missions, City Missions, National Baptists and Language group Missions, which are some of the areas of major emphasis at this time.

The 30,000 Movement is progressing toward the 1964 goal. More than 10,000 new churches and missions have been started. The Board's department of Survey and Special Studies is constantly making surveys of communities, cities and entire states to pinpoint the need for mission work. At the end of 1959, 74 city missions programs were in operation. Seattle, Washington, became the fourth major city to be included in Southern Baptist's "Big Cities" program with the appropriation of \$100,000.00 for church sites. The City Missions department puts much emphasis on juvenile rehabilitation programs in these cities.

These and all other Home Mission activities are centered in Southern Baptist Churches. Christ has given us a great opportunity to witness through this program; but with His help and guidance we must not forget that each opportunity we receive carries with it a responsibility of stewardship in our churches. We cannot all be Home Missionaries to work in the field of service but if we prayerfully support the causes of Christ through this great program with our money, we too shall be there expressing our concern for the spiritual well-being of others. This great cause of Home Missions has as its life-line the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong offering.

REPORT ON MUSIC MINISTRY

HENDLEY ELLINGTON

The following Associational Music activities have been carried out during this year:

1. Quarterly meetings of the Associational Music Committee.
2. Christmas Carol Sing with 160 persons participating. Carols were sung at both Hickory hospitals.

3. Two Associational Music Conferences. Both were dinner meetings with Highland and West Hickory as the host churches. Average attendance was fifty persons.

4. An Associational Choir with 76 persons enrolled sang each night of the Central Training School.

5. The annual Associational Music School attracted 76 persons from 11 churches. Seven courses were taught and 41 awards earned in the classes held at Viewmont Church.

REPORT ON MINISTERS RETIREMENT

E. F. SULLIVAN

The Southern Baptist Convention has entrusted the Annuity Board with the responsibility of caring for our pastors and their families in the days of need and anxiety. This program is called the Southern Baptist Protection Plan.

This plan provides financial help in the time of death, disability and retirement. In case of the pastor's death, his widow would receive an income from the Board as long as she lived or until she remarried. In case of disability, the pastor would receive a monthly check from the Board as long as he was disabled. The Board is there to serve at retirement, if the church is in the retirement plan. At the age of 65, the pastor can receive his regular annuity as long as he lives. With the predictions now that life expectancy will soon reach a hundred years, this last provision becomes all the more expedient.

At present only fourteen churches in our association contribute to this phase of our work. This is a worthy cause and deserves the support of all the churches. The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina is launching an intensive campaign to enlist at least 300 additional churches this year.

Churches desiring further information should contact Rev. Tom Greene, Baptist Building, Raleigh, North Carolina. He says he will be happy to present this matter to any local church desiring his help.

REPORT OF EXTENSION COMMITTEE

B. R. HOLBROOK

The Extension Committee had a great loss when its elected Chairman for the year, the Rev. Fritz Hemphill, resigned to assume his duties at the Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute. He left us the first of July, and the Executive Committee elected me to serve the remaining months. While Rev. Hemphill was chairman, much thought was made concerning our mission possibilities.

When the Executive Committee met May 10, the Committee made a motion that the Highland Baptist Church assume sponsorship of the Midway Mission, near Oxford Dam. This motion was made by mutual agreement of the Mission and the Sandy Ridge Baptist Church who prior to this time had sponsored it.

In August the Committee met with the pastor of the Startown Church, and some of his members. Upon request for help that their pastor might go to the Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute, the Committee recommended to the Executive Committee that a supplement of \$75.00 per month for four months be granted him. This recommendation was passed.

To the association we recommend:

1. Due to request for help from two other small churches, the committee met and discussed the subject at length. The Committee feels that our job is more in the field of establishing missions than in education; therefore we wish to refer requests for pastor supplement and education to the Executive Committee, and if the budget allows it, that a scholarship be set up by the Trustees not to exceed \$300.00 per year.

2. By common consent of the East Hickory Baptist Church and the East Hickory Mission, Conover, we recommend that the proper procedures be made to organize this Mission into a "Golden Jubilee Baptist Church."

3. That much consideration, co-operation, prayer and patience be given to the establishing of mission points in our area. Your committee recently reviewed the Martin property in the Viewmont section, three miles from the Viewmont Church. This was done by requests made of people in that area. We discovered that the spacious lot that was offered once at \$5,000.00 and rejected by the Executive Committee is now \$8,500.00; also, that the Mormons consider it the best site for them in this area, and that they await their representative from Salt Lake City, Utah, to make the purchase. They have first refusal on this said property.

4. That all interested persons in establishing missions will feel free to contact your Extension Committee and will be given full attention and the utmost consideration.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

J. HOWARD CATES

The Executive Committee held four regular meetings to conduct associational business during the past year with the Moderator presiding at all sessions and the Clerk recording the minutes. The following is a brief summary of the actions of this body:

November 1959, received a report that the house on Highway 127, North (purchased August 1959) had been renovated and rented. Instructed the Calendar Committee to prepare a calendar for 1960 and distribute to all churches.

February 16, 1960, received reports from the Sunday School, Training Union, W.M.U., Brotherhood, Music and the Treasurer. Upon recommendation from the Nominating Committee, elected O. Jack Murphy as Chairman of Evangelism; Ordination Committee: B. R. Holbrook, E. F. Sullivan, J. Louis Price, W. S. Elliott and Ted L. Starnes. South Mountain Committee: Wayne DeHart, Donald Greene, Ray Childress. The Moderator appointed a committee to study the Group Health Insurance and report at the next meeting.

May 10, 1960: Adopted the following recommendations: 1. Extension Committee to ask Highland Church to assume sponsorship of Midway Mission. 2. (From the Nominating Committee) to elect J. Howard Cates as Director of Central Training School; B. R. Holbrook, chairman of Extension Committee, replacing Fritz D. Hemphill. 3. Received report of Group Insurance Committee and asked them to proceed to execute plans. 4. Evangelism chairman gave plans for Simultaneous Revival Crusade in association, April 9-23, 1961. 5. The Moderator was instructed to appoint a committee to report on the possibility

of setting up an associational office. These were appointed: T. W. Nelson, Chmn., G. Othell Hand, O. Jack Murphy and W. S. Elliott.

August 23, 1960: The Sunday School superintendent, T. W. Nelson, asked that we study the possibility of using correlated quarterly meetings of all our organizations. Reports from the following committees: 1. Group Insurance: that 21 churches have signed for coverage with 4 more needed to put the plan into effect. 2. Associational office: made informal report and asked to continue work. 3. Finance committee: presented proposed budget for new year. On motion, \$1,500 was added for Simultaneous Revivals in 1961. 4. Nominating Committee: presented slate of officers for the new year. 5. Extension Committee: recommended that the association assist Startown Church \$75.00 per month during October, November, December, 1960, to aid pastor who is attending school at Fruitland. Approved by Executive Committee. 6. Trustees: announced scholarships awarded to Miss Beverly Gibbs and Miss Patricia Couch. 7. South Mountain Camp Committee: approved recommendation to pay \$115.00 to the camp and place \$300.00 in budget for next year. 8. Approved applications of the Startown and the Claremont Churches for State Mission aid. 9. Approved the bringing of a recommendation to the annual association meeting for them to consider trying out a one day and night streamlined meeting in 1961.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

MRS. W. S. ELLIOTT

It has been said by Elton Trueblood that our colleges are the ripest mission field today. We are delighted that our Southern Baptist Leaders, State Leaders, Local Pastors and the Christian Leaders in our churches are aware of Mission Opportunities which await us on our College Campus.

Southern Baptists now operate seventy-one seminaries, colleges and schools. Enrolment of regular students have reached a record high for 1959-60 of 61,194 students compared to 61,086 in 1958-59. In addition there are 8,221 special and extension students, making a total of 69,415.

Graduates from the seventy-one schools from September 1958 to August 1959, totaled 10,006 compared with 10,218 the preceding year.

Enrolment and Support Increase

State Conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention increased gifts to the schools from \$14,169,831 to \$14,729,621. Gifts from the convention for operating amounted to \$9,280,117 and for capital projects, \$5,449,504. In addition, the schools received \$8,280,505 in gifts, grants and donations.

The total assets of Southern Baptist educational institutions continued to grow. Property value is listed at \$231,655,841 and endowments at \$79,686,028 or a total of \$311,341,869.

Christian Service Volunteers

During the year 1959-60, there were 13,471 students who have volunteered for some phase of vocational Christian service, compared to 14,344 in the preceding year. Ministerial students number 8,233 compared to 9,063 in 1958-59; mission volunteers, 2,070, compared to 2,011; educational directors, 2,009 compared to 2,173; and church music volunteers, 1,159 compared to 1,097.

Student Recruitment

During the school year 1960-61, there are more than 9,000 young people enrolled in our seven Baptist Colleges not to mention the many thousands who are attending our State Colleges and other religious institutions of higher education. Our colleges (Chowan, Campbell, Gardner-Webb, Meredith, Mars Hill, Wake Forest and Wingate) are promoting a very vigorous program of recruiting students with a definite emphasis peculiar to Baptist colleges. You as Christian leaders can help in this great program by taking a group of interested young people to visit one of our colleges on their Campus Visitation Day. You can also help to keep the college doors open by giving generously through the Cooperative Program and to the Special offering on Father's Day of Christian Education.

REPORT OF BROTHERHOOD

G. W. DEHART

In an effort to utilize the manpower in the Brotherhoods of our Association for Christ, the men of our Association decided to do something more than "talk" about evangelism. A program of Sunday afternoon witnessing-visitation was begun in our Churches in November. At the request of the pastor all the men in the Association interested in personal witnessing gathered at a designated church at 2 or 2:30 P.M. on Sunday and teamed up with men from the local church for an afternoon of witnessing for Christ.

Nineteen church fields were visited, thirty-five professions of faith in Christ were reported in the homes and many rededications were made in the homes and in the evening worship services conducted by the laymen in twelve of the churches. The participation included from 3 to 20 laymen from other churches present each Sunday, which was usually evenly matched by men of the local church, with from 3 to 12 churches being represented.

The Lord has really blessed our efforts. The impact of this vital and dynamic power in witnessing is being felt in lives, churches, and whole communities as Jesus is lifted up and lives are drawn to Him and changed. The spirit of oneness, enthusiasm, and fellowship among the pastors and laymen is marvelous indeed. The program has proved a great blessing and has resulted in greater spiritual development of our men.

Under the leadership of the Holy Spirit we will continue to reach the unsaved, unchurched and uninterested in our associational area for Christ.

EVANGELISM

O. JACK MURPHY

In spite of the fact that we did not have a simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade, we have had a grand year in soul winning and in enlistment. We have had 444 baptisms, 541 have united with our churches by transfer and the losses by death and erasure have been 732. Thus, we have had a net gain of 253 in membership.

Not only are we interested in additions to our churches alone, but we are interested in growing young Christians to the fullness in the stature of faith and service. We know of no greater way to such a maturity than by each church

challenging her membership to a total commitment to Christ and by being Christian witnesses.

If the present trend continues, the next ten years will be the greatest period of increase of population our country has ever known. Doubtless, the outcome of world history will be partially determined by the attitude that we shall have toward evangelism, enlistment and teaching. With a spirit of lethargy and non concern, we can wind our way into paganism, but with a spirit of alertness to our opportunities of evangelism and by winning people to faith of our Lord, we may find our nation and our world aspiring to the paths of the peace of God that passes our understanding.

Beginning November 21, under the supervision of Reverend J. S. Hopkins, we will have a far-reaching clinic in preparation for our Jubilee Crusade which begins April 9 and continues for two weeks.

It takes great preparation through prayer, publicity, and personal contacts to get ready for a great revival. Through experience our leaders say that a one two-weeks revival will accomplish greater results than two one-week revivals.

This Jubilee Crusade will probably be the greatest concentrated effort Southern Baptists have ever known in soul winning.

Some of our great leaders feel that time is running out, but still our Saviour says, "I am the Life, the Truth, and the Way." Our task is to make Him known.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

MRS. B. R. HOLBROOK

1959-60—Leadership Training—A Year of Prayer

In keeping with the Convention-wide Woman's Missionary Union Jubilee Advance goals, the church WMU emphasis for the year has been on Leadership Training. We have had training courses for the three youth groups, but this is the first year a course has been offered for WMS members. Two new books have been printed, "Woman's Missionary Union," by Miss Alma Hunt and "Woman's Missionary Society Manual."

At least twelve churches have had training courses for WMS members with 148 receiving their Leadership Cards. Our goal is for every Woman's Missionary Society member to take this course either in class or individual study. 58 counselors and leaders hold Leadership Cards for their respective organizations.

The Aims book for this year, "Educating Youth in Missions" by Mildred McMurry, has information every one should know. The new book for this year will be, "Christian Sharing of Possessions" by Annie Wright Ussery. As we look to the new year with the emphasis on Sharing Possessions surely we will be better stewards.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

MRS. T. W. NELSON

The Program of foreign missions is defined in God's Word in the Great Commission when He told His disciples to "Go ye therefore, and teach all Nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you;

and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world: (Matthew 2:19-20). Missionaries must be sent into all the world bearing the Gospel of redemption to all people. Their message must be communicated through preaching and ministries of love in order that people may come to a saving knowledge of Christ through faith and find fellowship in New Testament churches.

When the Advance Program in Foreign Missions was launched in 1948 under the leadership of Dr. M. Theron Rankin, there were 625 missionaries under appointment for service in nineteen countries. Since that time remarkable progress has been made, for example, appointments totaling 144 during 1959 and 43 from January to August 1960, bring the number of Foreign Missionaries in active service to 1450, and serving in 44 countries.

Mission work is carried on through a varying number of institutions on each mission field—churches, schools, hospitals, publications plants, good will centers—but all are interactive and the goal of each is evangelization. Whatever their institutional duties, all missionaries participate in work of the churches in their station. National pastors number 2,193 and are doing much in helping to carry on the work of some 1,002 Baptist schools, which enrol 151,276 students. Strong national leadership is being developed not only in the field of education but also in evangelism.

One of the greatest opportunities for Soul-Winning on the mission field is through medical missions. By means of a program of evangelistic and worship activities, personal soul-winning, and follow-up visitation in the homes of patients after release from the hospital, efforts are made to win the lost to faith in Christ. Medical mission institutions include 17 hospitals and 80 clinics and dispensaries with a total of 1,060 beds. There are 49 missionary and 74 national physicians, plus 61 missionary and 226 national nurses. The first medical doctor for Thailand was appointed in December, 1959, with Green Memorial Nursing School opening its new quarters at Eku Nigeria in January, 1960, and a hospital is now under construction in Hong Kong.

Though a great work has been accomplished in every phase of our mission work, advance must continue and ADVANCE in Foreign Missions is dependent upon sustained growth both of the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Offering. These two sources of income are vital to our missionary enterprise. Total contributions of Southern Baptists for Foreign Missions amounted to \$15,985,116.39 during 1959 with funds from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering totalling \$7,706,847.29.

May the perpetual challenge of "Go—teach all nations" be ever before us as we hear the words of Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, Executive Secretary of our Foreign Mission Board, as he says, "Southern Baptists must measure our mission undertaking by our potential—not by what we or others have done. When we put what we are doing along side the reality of open doors in the world, we recognize that we have hardly begun. We must measure what we are doing by the crisis of our day. This is the Day of Destiny."

REPORT OF HISTORIAN

The past year has been one of steady growth in the Theron Rankin Association in buildings and in the work of the organizations.

East Hickory finished and dedicated a new sanctuary seating approximately

650 on September 4, 1960. Highland paid off all indebtedness of their educational buildings and purchased a corner lot adjoining their property. Penelope had a ground breaking service for the construction of a new educational building at a cost of \$156,000.00 Sweetwater church remodeled their sanctuary to double the capacity and built eight more Sunday School rooms. They also purchased another lot adjoining the church.

Changes in the personnel during the year include: East Hickory Mission at Conover called the Rev. Carl Lee of Fort Worth, Texas, as full time pastor. Highland church took over the sponsorship of the Midway Mission which has been sponsored by the Sandy Ridge Church. Providence Church called the Rev. J. L. Falls as pastor on September 25, 1960, succeeding the Rev. M. L. Ross. Rev. James Graham became pastor of Corinth Church on December 1, 1959. The Rev. Robert Laws resigned as pastor of Wayside Church and at present the Rev. J. F. Houser is supplying. The Rev. Harold Tester became pastor of Newton, First Church effective June 1960 succeeding the Rev. James M. Wilder who resigned early in the year. The Rev. Fritz D. Hemphill resigned as pastor of West Hickory Church effective June 30, 1960 to become Director of Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute. Rev. Hemphill was pastor of West Hickory twelve years during which time he led in building up the organization to a large group of well trained workers bringing the Sunday School up to the Standard Sunday School rating. He also led a building program from one small building to modern buildings to accommodate the various departments as well as a new sanctuary with a seating capacity of 800. He promoted and was leader of the associational Central Training School for a number of years which brought together workers from all the churches for a week of study together. He was also an outstanding leader in the association being moderator of the South Fork Association for a number of years before it was divided and also of the Theron Rankin Association after it was organized. The Rev. Frank H. Thomas, pastor of First Baptist Church, Poplarville, Miss., accepted the call as pastor of West Hickory and arrives October 19th. The Rev. Alex F. Hegenbart resigned as Minister of Music-Education at West Hickory Church in September 1960 to accept similar work at Oakhurst Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C.

The associational Central Training School held again in February, 1960 at Hickory, First Church had an enrolment of 1,658 and average attendance of 1,246 with 938 award earned. The school this year was held in cooperation with the Sunday School department of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. The associational Music Training School was held this year at Viewmont Church with 76 enrolled, 51 average attendance and 41 awards earned.

REPORT OF TREASURER AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

H. B. MARSH

Church	Budget 1959-60	Total Receipts 1959-60	Budget 1960-61
Brookford	\$ 60.00	\$	\$ 60.00
Catawba	156.00	156.00	156.00
Claremont	36.00	36.00	36.00
Corinth	120.00	120.00	120.00
Grace	24.00		24.00

Hickory, Calvary	150.00	3.00	150.00
Community	24.00		24.00
East Hickory	204.00	204.00	204.00
E. Hickory Mission (Conover)	24.00	104.00	24.00
First	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Highland	720.00	720.00	720.00
Midway Mission		12.00	12.00
Longview	120.00	120.00	120.00
Oakland Heights	90.00	42.00	90.00
Penelope	780.00	449.31	780.00
Temple	240.00	220.00	240.00
Viewmont	800.00	800.00	800.00
West Hickory	800.00	825.00	800.00
Hildebran, First	396.00	396.00	396.00
Icard	156.00	156.00	156.00
Mountain Grove	204.00	204.00	204.00
Newton, First	780.00	580.00	780.00
North	228.00	228.00	228.00
Oyama	24.00	30.00	24.00
Providence	132.00	132.00	132.00
Sandy Ridge	204.00	204.00	204.00
Springs Road	50.00	86.00	50.00
Startown	24.00	25.00	24.00
Sweetwater	60.00	55.00	60.00
Warlick's	240.00	100.00	240.00
Wayside	60.00	60.00	60.00
Conover, First (Watchcare)			24.00
Rent from property ..		630.00	
Miscellaneous		549.75	
Total	\$8,406.00	\$8,747.06	\$8,442.00

DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Item	Budget	Expenses	Budget
	1959-60		1960-61
Sunday School	\$ 150.00	\$ 98.52	\$ 150.00
Training Union	200.00	99.35	200.00
W. M. U.	300.00	300.00	300.00
Brotherhood	100.00	4.28	100.00
Music	200.00	127.60	200.00
Printing & Postage	250.00	82.48	250.00
Churches Entertaining	250.00	250.00	250.00
B. S. U. Lenoir Rhyne	200.00	200.00	200.00
Scholarship	350.00	350.00	350.00
Minutes	500.00	555.66	600.00
Clerk	250.00	250.00	250.00
Treasurer	50.00	50.00	
Central Training School	500.00	1,110.25	700.00

Youth Work	200.00	150.00	200.00
Direct Missions	3,994.00	115.48	2,892.00
Revivals			1,500.00
Repairs to Rental Property...		692.30	
Miscellaneous	200.00	255.50	300.00
TOTALS	\$7,694.00	\$4,691.42	\$8,442.00
BAND BALANCE END			
OF YEAR	\$3,465.98		

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

T. W. NELSON

"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35) is the challenging scripture which has been chosen for our Sunday School program for 1960-61 with our theme being "Outreach for the Unreached." As we stand at the threshold of a new year in our churches, what we do will determine a great deal as to the future of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association.

As superintendent for our association, I wish to thank every worker for their splendid service and cooperation in trying to help the churches to use their Sunday Schools to reach, teach and win the lost for Christ through the work in our quarterly meetings which have rated A in our state grading system of Associational work.

A very encouraging report for our association has been reported with 30 churches and our two missions doing quality work with 11,705 enrolled in our Sunday Schools. Achievements this year include the following:

- 20 churches observed January Bible Study
- 20 Vacation Bible Schools reported
- 29 churches reported training schools with 1,739 awards earned from October until June
- 5 Sunday Schools achieved the Standard of Excellence: namely, North Newton, Penelope, Viewmont, West Hickory and East Hickory
- 16 churches reported studying "Outreach for the 'Unreached,' " during Preparation Week.

We would like to suggest the following goals for 1960-61:

1. That we adopt for our theme this year, "Outreach for the Unreached."
2. All Sunday School workers be urged to attend and participate in our associational Sunday School meetings each Fifth Sunday afternoon at 2:30.
3. One new Sunday School in our association.
4. A Vacation Bible School in every church and mission.
5. Dedicated support of each church to our Central Training School.

May we renew devotion to our Sunday School work as we heed the command of our Lord to "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations. . . ."

REPORT ON AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

ROBERT L. HUFF

The following is a report on the work of the American Bible Society during the year 1959, prepared especially for the annual session of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association, October 20-21:

During 1959 the American Bible Society donated more than a million Scripture volumes for distribution by the chaplains to our Armed Forces and to patients in Veteran's Hospitals, providing a vital link between the home churches and the men and women in service.

The year 1959 marked the 125th anniversary of supplying Scriptures for the blind, far below cost, in Braille and other raised-letter systems and on Talking Book records.

The Society reports that some part of the Bible has been published in 1,151 languages: the full Bible in 219, a Testament in 271 more and a Gospel or other complete book in 661 more.

Such areas of the world as West Germany, Iron Curtain neighboring lands including several other countries, Africa, Latin America, Japan, Korea and India—and to many Chinese now living in other countries outside the communist-controlled China mainland, were Scriptures supplied.

A total of more than 17½ million Scripture volumes were distributed, thus indicating an increase over the 15 million volumes averaged in recent years, but still short of urgent needs.

Many people around the world now wait for the Bible—wait for gifts to the Bible Society to make up the difference between the cost and the price they can pay.

Southern Baptist gifts reached \$144,200 to the Society in 1959, placing the denomination second to Methodists, who led with a total of \$156,244. Gift from all churches in the U. S. A. totalled \$955,135.

RECOMMENDATIONS BY NOMINATING COMMITTEE

G. OTHELL HAND

Clerk—Miss Helen Cater

Treasurer—Heath B. Marsh

Historian—J. D. Greene

Trustees—E. Murray Tate, Jr., Chairman Wilson Aultman, Heath B. Marsh

Sunday School Superintendent—T. W. Nelson

Training Union Director—Wayne V. Riddle

W. M. U. President—Mrs. B. R. Holbrook

Brotherhood President—Wayne DeHart

Director of Music—James Snyder

Standing Committees**PROGRAM COMMITTEE:**

James Helvey, Chairman, James Synder, O Jack Murphy, Heath B. Marsh

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

E. F. Sullivan, Chairman, J. Louis Price, B. A. Cooper, R. R. Fisher, Hampton Seronce

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

W. S. Elliott, Chairman, Mrs. L. P. Frans, Mrs. T. F. Digh, Mrs. M. C. Turbyfill, V. C. Martin

EXTENSION COMMITTEE:

B. R. Holbrook, Chairman, Harold Deal, Donald Greene, L. V. Connell, Carl Lee

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Heath B. Marsh, Chairman, Bruce Teague, E. M. Suggs, O. Jack Murphy, Harry Barger

PLACE AND PREACHER COMMITTEE:

Matt L. Hastings, Chairman, R. L. Ball, Wilburn Edmonston, Othell Hand

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMITTEE:

Albert A. Young, Chairman, George F. Hemphill, Ed Swann, Wayne Riddle

ORDINATION COMMITTEE:

B. R. Holbrook, Chairman, E. F. Sullivan, J. Louis Price, W. S. Elliott, Ted L. Starnes

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE:

Frank Poovey

Director of Central Training School—J. Howard Cates

Special Committees

Evangelism—O. Jack Murphy

Homes for Aging—Kenneth Bowen

Baptist Hospital—B. R. Holbrook

Children's Homes—Bill Whitener

Christian Education—Miss Ann Feltner

American Bible Society—Robert L. Huff

Christian Literature—Harold Tester

Minister's Retirement—Ted L. Starnes

Home Missions—Hayden B. Hayes

State Missions—J. D. Compton

Foreign Missions—E. C. Robinson

Public Relations Committee—Howard Cates, Edgar Melvin, Berry Lafone

RESOLUTIONS**I**

Resolved that this Association extend its hearty thanks and appreciation to the host churches and their pastors, East Hickory Baptist Church, T. W. Nelson, Pastor, and the Viewmont Baptist Church, Albert A. Young, Pastor, for inviting us to their churches for our associational meetings. We also extend our appreciation to the ladies of these churches for their work of love in preparing the wonderful and bountiful meals for the messengers and visitors.

II

Resolved that this Association manifest its influence upon all members of this fellowship to encourage them to register and vote in the National and State election on November 8th, 1960, remembering that it is our Christian responsibility to choose the best government officials.

III

Resolved that this association dedicate the Minutes of the Fifth Annual session of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association in honor of Rev. J. Louis Price, faithful and beloved pastor, now retired, but active.

PLACE AND PREACHER COMMITTEE

ALBERT A. YOUNG

1961 Annual Session:

October 19, 1961—Penelope

Annual Sermon: W. S. Elliott

Alternate: Matt L. Hastings

PROCEEDINGS OF 1960 ANNUAL W.M.U. MEETING

April 22, 1960

The annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, Theron Rankin Association was held April 22, 1960 at West Hickory Baptist Church of Hickory. The theme was "Doers of the Word."

Mrs. B. R. Holbrook of First Baptist Church, Hildebran, associational W. M. U. president, presided.

The meeting was opened with the hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name." Prayer was led by Mrs. Holbrook.

Words of welcome were brought by the president of the host church, Mrs. J. C. Dula.

The devotional period—"Be Ye Perfect" was led by Mrs. Dale Wilson, prayer chairman. The hymn "More Like the Master" closed this period.

The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report, read by the secretary, was adopted.

The printed program was accepted as the order of service for the day.

The Constitution and By-Laws were read as rewritten by order of the Executive Committee and adopted as read.

The budget for the year was read and adopted.

Plans for the year were brought by Mrs. H. A. Quick, Regional president. She reported the Lottie Moon Christmas offering goal as having been reached. There was good response to Home Mission study. Information on Region Eight camp was given and everyone was urged to use this camp.

Work toward reaching Jubilee Goals for 1960-61 and work toward having at least one Honor society was urged.

A skit "Doers of the Word" was presented by the Executive committee. At the close the Prayer Calendar was presented and prayer was led for the missionaries named that day.

A bountiful meal was enjoyed by those present.

The evening session was opened with the hymn "Jesus Saves." Prayer was led by Rev. J. Howard Cates and a solo "Christ for the Whole Wide World" was sung by Miss Ann Feltner.

"Look On the Fields" was the subject used by Mr. Fred Hawkins, missionary to Brazil. Lift up your eyes and look on the fields. Lift up your eyes from worldly things and see the spiritual needs of the world. The greatest problem is sin and the greatest need is to tell the lost about Christ.

Recognition of Honor and Advance organizations was made by the president, Mrs. Holbrook.

The literature chairman, Mrs. Bruce Huffman, presented the Forecaster in Royal Service in a most interesting way.

Reports of Committees were made as follows: Time and Place—The meeting for 1961 will be held at East Hickory Baptist Church at a time set by the State office. Resolutions committee report was given by Mrs. Robert Ledbetter.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. B. R. Holbrook; Vice President, Mrs. B. A. Cooper; secretary, Mrs. W. B. Duncan; treasurer, Miss Tennie Freeman; chorister, Mrs. Kenneth Hass; pianist, Mrs. Ralph Kendall; YWA Director, Miss Jimmie Carol Biggerstaff; GA Director, Mrs. R. T. Boatwright; Sunbeam Director, Mrs. Ray Childers. Fundamental committee chairmen: Mrs. Rose Wolff, mission study; Mrs. Howard Cates, stewardship; Mrs. Heath Marsh, community missions; Mr. E. M. Benson, prayer. Margaret Fund & Carver School, Mrs. L. P. Frans and Mrs. Bruce Huffman, literature. Nominating committee, Mrs. Wayne Riddle, Chr. Mrs. Floyd Edwards, Mrs. Lawrence Nichols, Mrs. Paul Herman and Mrs. Vernon Connell.

The closing message was brought by Mrs. W. K. McGee, State WMU president. "Teach Them" was her topic. Leadership will cost you—it isn't easy. The only way to make your life count is to serve others—lead young people—spend your life for others. The meeting was closed with prayer.

In Memoriam

CATAWBA—Mrs. Effie Danner,
Mr. George Robinson, Mr. Char-
lie B. Wike (Deacon)

CLAREMONT, FIRST — Mrs.
Haskel Korn

CONOVER, FIRST—Mrs. Maggie
Edmondson

CORINTH—Mr. R. L. Canipe,
Mr. C. B. Hicks, Mrs. D. R.
Rudisill, Mrs. Carrie Clay, Mr.
A. L. King

EAST HICKORY—Mr. Donald
Robbins, Miss Linda Lane

FIRST, HICKORY—Mrs. David
Allen, Mrs. C. R. Hahn, Mrs.
Albert Cleveland, Mrs. P. J.
Suttlemyre, Miss Minnie Gwalt-
ney, Mr. Charles F. Rogers, Mr.
George W. Martin, Mrs. Frank
Rice, Mr. W. T. Stevenson, Mr.
A. F. Fullbright

HIGHLAND—Mr. A. M. White

LONGVIEW—Mr. Carl Crump,
Mrs. Edd Cannupp

PENELOPE—Mrs. Edgar Bolch,
Mrs. John Hildebrand, Mrs.
Maude Gilliland, Mrs. W. J.
Herman, Mr. O. H. Cook

TEMPLE—Mrs. Candace Day,
Mrs. J. W. Stiles, Mr. Eugene
Burns

VIEWMONT—Mrs. W. D. Houck,
Mr. A. O. Hefner, Sr. (Deacon),
Mr H. G. Taylor (Deacon)

WEST HICKORY—Mr. O. F.
Annas (Deacon), Mrs. Mar-
garet Cline, Mrs. Ada Ennis,
Mr. Maurice Jarrett, Mrs. T. S.
Price, Mr. John R. Reid

HILDEBRAN, FIRST — Mr.
Henry Burns, Mr. Lloyd Spea-
gle, Mr. R. D. Mosteller (Dea-
con), Mr. Walter Chapman,
Mr. John Johnson (Deacon),
Miss Mildred Ogle

ICARD—Mrs. Ada Pugh

MOUNTAIN GROVE — Mrs.
Lloyd Weaver, Mr. A. C. Lea-
therman

NEWTON, FIRST—Mrs. L. L.
Lail, Mr. J. W. Goodman

WARLICK'S—Mrs. Myra Ful-
bright, Mr. Clyde Church (Dea-
con)

Church Directories

PASTORS

The names and addresses of the pastors of this association are contained in statistical table A.

ASSISTANT PASTORS, EDUCATIONAL, MUSIC DIRECTORS, FULL TIME ORGANISTS, SECRETARIES

NAME	ADDRESS	CHURCH	WORK
Beckom, Mrs. Joe.....	Viewmont Apt. 8-A, Hickory.....	Viewmont.....	Church Secretary
Bolick, Miss Betty.....	Route 2, Box 477, Hickory.....	Penelope.....	Church Secretary
Brown, Charles.....	127 14th St. N W, Hickory.....	Viewmont.....	Minister of Music
Byler, David O.....	616 N. Center St., Hickory.....	First, Hickory.....	Assoc. Pastor (Music)
Cater, Miss Helen.....	P. O. Box 552, Hickory.....	West Hickory.....	Educational Secretary
Feltner, Miss Ann.....	836 8th St. N W, Hickory.....	First, Hickory.....	Director of Education
Huff, Robert L.....	Viewmont Apt. 11-A, Hickory.....	Viewmont.....	Dir. of Ed. and Youth Activities
Kendall, Mrs. Ralph.....	2606 1st Ave. N W, Hickory.....	Viewmont.....	Organist, Fin. Sec'y
Poole, Kenneth.....	c/o First Baptist Church, Hickory.	First, Hickory.....	Organist
Powell, Marion.....	c/o First Baptist Church, Newton.	First, Newton.....	Director of Education
Snyder, James W.....	541 1st St. N W, Hickory.....	Highland.....	Dir. of Music & Ed.
Ward, Mrs. Charles, Jr.....	c/o First Baptist Church, Hickory.	First, Hickory.....	Church Secretary

ORDAINED MINISTERS, NOT PASTORS, HOLDING MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCHES OF THERON RANKIN ASSOCIATION

NAME	ADDRESS	CHURCH
Abernethy, Alfred (Ch.O.).....	U.S.A.F.....	Providence
Bolick, Hugh (O.M.).....	1161 30th St. S W, Hickory.....	Wayside
Bowman, Hoyle E. (S.O.).....	Dallas, Texas.....	Calvary
Bragg, J. L. (R.O.).....	Hildebran.....	Hildebran
Bryant, Wade (I.O.).....	918 Lenoir Road, N W, Hickory....	Penelope
Chester, O. S. (I.O.).....	169 29th St. S W, Hickory.....	Longview
Conner, D. H. (I.O.).....	765 21st St. S W, Hickory.....	Penelope
Crump, Zeno (I.O.).....	Rt. 2, Connelly Springs.....	Warlick's
Elmore, Joe (O.M.).....	W. 15th St., Newton.....	Conover, First
Gilbert, Frankie (I.O.).....	Rt. 2, Connelly Springs.....	Warlick's
Hampton, Otis (I.O.).....	537 12th Ave. N E, Hickory.....	West Hickory
Helton, Clyde (I.O.).....	730 2nd Ave. S W, Hickory.....	Community
Keller, J. C. (I.O.).....	Rt. 5, Box 146, Hickory.....	Longview
Lewallen, Clyde (O.M.).....	334 S. Cline Ave., Newton.....	Conover, First
Page, Ray (O.M.).....	Hildebran.....	Hildebran
Price, J. Louis (R.O.).....	2820 1st Ave. N W, Hickory.....	West Hickory
Propst, Dean (S.O.).....	Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem	Corinth
Sullivan, E. F. (R.O.).....	1920 N. Center Street, Hickory.....	Temple

MINISTERS ORDAINED DURING THE YEAR

NAME	ADDRESS	CHURCH
Bolick, Hugh.....	1161 30th St. S W, Hickory.....	Wayside
Sigmon, John F.....	Star Route, Arlington, Arizona.....	West Hickory

MINISTER LICENSED DURING THE YEAR

NAME	ADDRESS	CHURCH
Buchanan, Herman.....	225 15th St. S W, Hickory.....	Longview
Elmore, Joe.....	W. 15th St., Newton.....	Conover, First
Fisher, Guy F., Sr.....	1515 16th Avenue N E, Hickory...	East Hickory

DIRECTOR OF AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS

CHURCH	NAME	ADDRESS
Hickory, First.....	James R. Glenn.....	1228 12th St. Circle N E, Hickory
Penelope.....	Edsel Hoyle.....	1075 16th Ave. N W, Hickory
Viewmont.....	Frank Poovey.....	Rt. 2, Hickory
West Hickory.....	J. Herman Cater.....	P. O. Box 552, Hickory
Providence.....	Yates Abernathy.....	Rt. 3, Vale
Sweetwater.....	J. C. Sanders.....	1918 5th Ave. S E, Hickory

LIBRARIANS

CHURCH	NAME	ADDRESS
Catawba.....	Mrs. Locke Rink.....	Catawba
Corinth.....	Miss Mildred Allen.....	Rt. 3, Vale
Calvary.....	Mrs. Ed. Hammond.....	313 2nd Ave. S W, Hickory
East Hickory.....	Linda Prestwood.....	141 15th St. S E, Hickory
First, Hickory.....	Mrs. Spurgeon Young.....	196 23rd St. N W, Hickory
Highland.....	Mrs. A. C. Ogren.....	829 Main Ave. N E, Hickory
Oakland Heights.....	Mrs. Peggy Wilcox.....	11th St. N W, Hickory
Temple.....	Miss Aundria Brittian.....	Rt. 3, Box 120, Hickory
Viewmont.....	Miss Betty Bolick.....	21st Ave. N E, Hickory
West Hickory.....	Mrs. W. K. Truett.....	1417 1st Ave. Pl. N W, Hickory
Hildebran, First.....	Miss Martha Eggers.....	Hildebran
Mountain Grove.....	Elizabeth Hildebran.....	Rt. 1, Hickory
North Newton.....	Mrs. Shirley Shook.....	409 E. 11th St., Newton

PIANIST OR ORGANIST

CHURCH	NAME	ADDRESS
Brookford.....	Mrs. W. C. Laney.....	161 20th Avenue S W, Hickory
Catawba.....	Miss Polly Ann Abernathy.....	Catawba
Claremont, First.....	Miss Judy Seronce.....	Box 482, Claremont
Conover, First.....	Mrs. Franklin Tuggle.....	Rt. 2, Box 568, Newton
Corinth.....	Howard Propst.....	Route 1, Hickory
Grace.....	Miss Nancy Jackson.....	Route 3, Hickory
Hickory, Calvary.....	Mrs. Roy Cook.....	Route 4, Hickory
“ Community.....	Miss Barbara Ball.....	Box 166, Hickory
“ East Hickory.....	Mrs. T. W. Nelson.....	122 16th St. S E, Hickory
“ East Hickory Mission.....	Mrs. William L. Crawley.....	Hickory
“ First.....	Mr. Kenneth Poole.....	c/o First Baptist Church, Hickory
“ Highland.....	Mrs. E. L. Guthrie.....	1118 8th St. N E, Hickory
“ Midway Mission.....	Miss Mazel Pope.....	Route 1, Conover
“ Longview.....	Mrs. Wayne Newton.....	238 32nd St. S W, Hickory
“ Oakland Heights.....	Mrs. Barbara Everhart.....	1673 C Ave. S E, Hickory
“ Penelope.....	Mrs. Mayo Weaver.....	P. O. Box 72, Hildebran
“ Temple.....	Mrs. Richard Brittian.....	518 10th Ave. Dr. S E, Hickory
“ Viewmont.....	Mrs. Ralph Kendall.....	2606 1st Ave. N W, Hickory
“ West Hickory.....	Mrs. Dean F. Woods.....	Route 2, Hickory
Hildebran, First.....	Mrs. Willard Wycoff.....	Hildebran
Icard.....	Mrs. Amos Lingerfelt.....	Icard
Mountain Grove.....	Mrs. Eugene Allison.....	Route 1, Hickory
Newton, First.....	Cecil Murray.....	2324 N. Main Ave., Newton
“ North.....	Mrs. Peggy Cunningham.....	2307 N. Anderson Ave., Newton
Oyama.....	Mrs. Garland Caldwell.....	Rt. 2, Conover
Providence.....	Mrs. M. S. Brittian.....	Route 4, Hickory
Sandy Ridge.....	Miss Jane Martin.....	1830 12th Ave. N E, Hickory
Springs Road.....	Miss Gail Huffman.....	Route 2, Conover
Startown.....	Mrs. Emmett Huffman.....	Route 1, Newton
Sweetwater.....	Mrs. J. C. Sanders.....	1918 5th Avenue S E, Hickory
Warlick's.....	Miss Elizabeth Marlow.....	Route 1, Hickory
Wayside.....	Miss Shirley Caulder.....	1460 2nd Avenue N W, Hickory

HISTORICAL TABLE

Year	Place of Meeting	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher of Annual Sermon
1956	Hickory, First; Hildebran, First.....	Fritz D. Hemphill.....	Miss Helen Cater.....	V. C. Martin
1957	West Hickory; Mountain Grove.....	Fritz D. Hemphill.....	Miss Helen Cater.....	O. Jack Murphy
1958	Viewmont; Providence...	Fritz D. Hemphill.....	Miss Helen Cater.....	James Helvey, Jr.
1959	Catawba; Hickory, First..	J. Howard Cates.....	Miss Helen Cater.....	B. R. Holbrook
1960	East Hickory; Viewmont..	J. Howard Cates.....	Miss Helen Cater.....	Albert A. Young

Statistical Tables

TABLE A. CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP OF THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1960

Index Number	CHURCHES	Location Rural-V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	Moderator Donald Greene P. O. Box 273, Hickory PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	GAINS		LOSSES		TOTAL			SPECIAL INFORMATION							
						Baptisms	Letters and Other Additions	Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-Resident Members	Grand Total	Reverial Meetings Held	Number Tithers	Church Have Budget?	Every Member Can Vass?	State Paper in Budget?	No. Missions started this year	No. Local Missions Operated by Church	Pastor's Annual Salary (Whether had a pastor for full year or not)	
1	Brookford.....	T	1913	All	W. C. Laney, 161 20th Avenue, S W, Hickory.....	10	5	15	93	3	96	3	62	20	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,820.06
2	Catawba.....	T	1875	All	B. A. Cooper, P. O. Box 114, Catawba.....	13	16	11	176	45	221	2	20	20	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,420.00
3	Claremont, First.....	T	1953	All	Hampton Serence, Box 482, Claremont.....	10	16	11	75	33	108	2	20	20	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,600.00
4	Conover, First.....	T	1942	All	Wilburn J. Edmondson, Box 372, Conover.....	29	24	6	99	23	122	1	32	32	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,080.00
5	Corinth.....	R	1840	All	James Graham, Rt. 3, Vale.....	15	5	13	210	63	273	2	45	45	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,900.00
6	Grace.....	C	1956	All	D. E. Couch, Sr., 802 3rd St. S. E., Hickory.....	3	10	4	53	4	57	2	15	15	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,340.00
7	Hickory, Calvary.....	C	1943	All	W. W. Marr, 1908 8th Ave. S W, Hickory.....	3	42	43	188	17	205	2	50	50	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,900.00
8	" Community.....	C	1950	All	R. L. Ball, Box 166, Hickory.....	21	1	8	170	83	170	2	31	31	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,900.00
9	" East Hickory.....	C	1940	All	T. W. Nelson, 122 16th St. S. E., Hickory.....	37	24	10	347	83	430	2	160	160	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,200.00
10	" (a) E. Hickory Mission East Hickory Total.....	T		All	Carl H. Lee, 308 3rd Ave. N W, Conover.....	6	13	2	77	6	83	2	40	40	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,120.00
11	" First.....	C	1870	All	G. Othell Hand, 534 2nd Avenue N W, Hickory.....	43	42	12	424	89	513	4	140	140	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,320.00
12	" Highland.....	C	1912	All	J. Howard Cates, 858 8th St. N E, Hickory.....	22	89	86	1,374	234	1,608	1	450	450	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	9,338.00
13	" Highland Total.....	R		All	E. C. Robinson, Route 2, Hickory.....	12	12	39	591	132	723	1	331	331	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,200.00
14	" Longview.....	C	1940	All	J. D. Compton, Rt. 3, Box 57, Hickory.....	17	14	2	313	132	745	2	343	343	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,500.00
15	" Oakland Heights.....	C	1944	All	Berry Lafone, Route 2, Hickory.....	20	4	19	308	10	318	1	65	65	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,900.00
16	" Pendope.....	C	1888	All	O. Jack Murphy, 3224 Main Ave. N W, Hickory.....	6	3	14	150	21	171	2	25	25	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,120.00
17	" Temple.....	C	1935	All	W. S. Elliott, 825 8th St. Dr. S. E., Hickory.....	38	41	45	921	81	1,002	1	300	300	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,474.00
18	" Viewmont.....	C	1907	All	Albert A. Young, 97 18th Ave. Dr. N W, Hickory.....	28	13	12	387	37	424	2	173	173	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,680.00
19	" West Hickory.....	C	1907	All	Frank H. Thomas, 1205 Main Ave. Dr. N W, Hickory.....	37	80	23	876	120	996	1	.....	.....	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,500.00
20	" Hildebran, First.....	C	1888	All	B. R. Holbrook, Box 135, Hildebran.....	47	24	43	1,023	75	1,098	1	321	321	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,260.00
21	" Icard.....	T	1918	All	Wayne Riddle, Icard.....	14	19	32	511	106	617	1	160	160	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,200.00
22	" Mountain Grove.....	R	1898	All	L. Vernon Connell, Route 1, Hickory.....	4	4	9	205	42	247	1	84	84	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,500.00
23	" Newton, First.....	C	1882	All	Harold Tester, 122 W. 7th St., Newton.....	6	5	7	257	41	298	2	5	5	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,675.00
24	" North.....	C	1921	All	James R. Helvey, Jr., 1826 N. College Ave., Newton.....	6	23	81	527	170	697	2	200	200	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,000.00
25	" Oyzama.....	R	1878	All	J. L. Falls, Route 4, Hickory.....	12	14	13	307	61	368	2	185	185	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,650.00
26	" Providence.....	R	1878	All	V. C. Martin, 1830 12th Ave. N. E., Hickory.....	6	3	8	86	10	96	.....	.....	.....	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,752.00
27	" Sandy Ridge.....	R	1944	All	William E. Melvin, Rt. 2, Box 221-A, Hickory.....	12	8	57	204	46	250	1	100	100	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,900.00
28	" Springs Road.....	R	1957	All	Kenneth M. Bowen, Rt. 1, Newton.....	18	24	5	197	2	199	2	65	65	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,871.00
29	" Startown.....	R	1956	All	Ted. L. Starnes, 1329 15th St. Crt. N E, Hickory.....	12	8	9	46	8	54	2	12	12	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,560.00
30	" Sweetwater.....	R	1954	All	Matt L. Hastings, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs.....	12	8	4	80	8	88	1	25	25	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,268.00
31	" Warlick S.....	R	1854	All	J. L. Houser, Rt. 2, Vale.....	6	10	8	337	35	422	2	50	50	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,420.00
32	" Wayside.....	R	1954	All		4	4	35	115	6	121	2	14	14	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,350.00
Totals.....						444	1541	632	10,209	1,544	11,753	48	5,946	27	9	11	.....	.....	.....	133,168.00

Miss Helen Cater, Clerk, Hickory. Donald Greene, Moderator, Hickory.

TABLE B. SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1960

CHURCHES		Associational Superintendent T. W. Nelson 122 16th St. S E, Hickory	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLMENT																																	
Index Number																Cradel Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People, Single	Young People, Married	Young People, Away	Adults (25-34)	Adults (35 and up)	Department	General Officers	Mission Sunday School Enrolment	Grand Total Sunday School Enrolment	Average Attendance	Church V.B.S. Enr.	Mission V.B.S. Enr.	Total Vacation Bible School Enrolment	January Bible Study	Preparation Week
1	Brookford.....	Mrs. Katie Miller, 1728 2nd St. S. W. Hickory.	13	10	9	13	16	18	9	15	26	24	6	9	135	85	67	67	Yes																	
2	Catawba.....	Miss Susie Danner, P. O. Box 83, Catawba.	20	21	15	14	14	18	18	26	45	24	4	4	202	106	66	66	Yes																	
3	Claremont, First.....	Robert Dorsey, Rt. 1, Claremont.	6	24	12	23	15	11	18	42	36	32	2	2	152	100	101	101	Yes																	
4	Conover, First.....	Cecil L. Sipe, 122 W. 2nd St., Newton.	23	17	14	17	15	10	18	15	82	80	4	4	229	150	160	160	Yes																	
5	Corinth.....	C. V. Stallings, Route 1, Hickory.	23	21	11	34	27	12	5	4	25	25	7	7	76	40	35	35	Yes																	
6	Grace.....	Lester Whitener, Rt. 3, Box 173, Hickory.	5	6	6	10	8	5	4	26	35	35	3	3	142	72	67	67	Yes																	
7	Hickory, Calvary.....	Odell Lowman, 1840 3rd Ave. S. W., Hickory.	2	12	26	15	15	8	8	24	33	35	6	6	179	116	127	127	Yes																	
8	" Community.....	Lamar Lovell, Rt. 3, Hickory.	21	13	23	24	22	8	27	24	33	35	3	3	431	240	167	167	Yes																	
9	" East Hickory.....	James R. Pope, Rt. 3, Box 648, Hickory.	4	42	32	38	59	40	21	27	28	38	5	5	151	82	322	167	Yes																	
10	" East Hickory Total.....	Robert Fisher, Box 77, Conover.	6	14	12	15	19	6	8	28	38	38	11	11	582	322	788	407	Yes																	
11	" First.....	Bill L. Whitener, 1257 8th St. N. W., Hickory.	45	97	81	129	165	168	44	36	163	401	37	26	26	1,447	407	407	407	Yes																
12	" Highland.....	Clifford D. Moses, 1202 10th St. N. E., Hickory.	11	63	30	55	73	68	45	34	62	168	17	6	6	632	350	153	153	Yes																
13	" Highland Total.....	J. J. Black, Route 1, Conover.	11	64	36	72	88	78	45	34	69	172	17	8	8	604	392	213	213	Yes																
14	" Longview.....	Mrs. Douglas Foster, Rt. 5, Box 106-J, Hickory.	18	19	37	53	32	18	20	45	50	11	5	5	292	166	184	184	Yes																	
15	" Oakland Heights.....	Carl G. King, Rt. 1, Box 557-A, Hickory.	8	9	14	26	15	26	26	10	172	190	15	7	7	142	58	67	67	Yes																
16	" Penelope.....	M. A. Jenkins, 186 33rd St. N. W., Hickory.	16	38	60	78	127	103	39	26	172	190	15	5	5	931	500	323	323	Yes																
17	" Temple.....	Harry Barger, Rt. 3, Box 29, Hickory.	37	31	45	71	48	24	33	9	34	90	6	4	4	432	203	198	198	Yes																
18	" Viewmont.....	Earl Roberts, 138 15th Ave. N. W., Hickory.	30	135	85	109	128	112	53	84	148	287	35	6	6	1,212	559	336	336	Yes																
19	" West Hickory.....	George F. Hemphill, Box 363, Hickory.	50	108	80	83	151	111	45	61	145	288	65	4	4	1,161	533	237	237	Yes																
20	Hildebran, First.....	Lee Foster, Rt. 4, Hickory.	8	55	31	26	67	70	26	55	8	69	169	17	5	606	315	224	224	Yes																
21	Icard.....	James L. Ledford, Box 116, Icard.	27	14	14	31	19	12	8	32	52	12	4	2	2	231	148	107	107	Yes																
22	Mountain Grove.....	George Cansler, Route 1, Hickory.	36	10	36	42	31	14	18	5	38	58	10	8	8	311	189	136	136	Yes																
23	Newtown, First.....	Jesse Eckard, P. O. Box 30, Newton.	15	49	31	54	47	26	25	10	42	84	12	5	5	555	281	262	262	Yes																
24	" North.....	G. O. Dixon, 1809 N. College Ave., Newton.	10	38	21	82	76	34	44	10	42	84	12	5	5	448	262	209	209	Yes																
25	Oyama.....	S. C. Duncan, Rt. 3, Box 208, Hickory.	8	8	9	14	6	6	10	4	22	22	3	3	80	46	52	52	Yes																	
26	Providence.....	Fred Berryhill, Route 1, Hickory.	21	5	7	13	20	14	12	18	31	36	6	4	4	158	86	82	82	Yes																
27	Sandy Ridge.....	Robert V. Martin, Rt. 3, Box 486, Hickory.	29	31	31	43	29	14	12	34	18	78	6	3	3	277	160	165	165	Yes																
28	Springs Road.....	Bruce Huffman, Rt. 2, Box 111, Conover.	8	8	13	13	9	8	9	16	43	13	16	3	3	57	41	54	54	Yes																
29	Startown.....	Herman Yother, Rt. 3, Lincolnton.	16	10	19	19	8	8	35	9	4	35	13	6	6	372	185	104	104	Yes																
30	Sweetwater.....	Edward F. Martin, 528 21st St. S. W., Hickory.	4	26	25	28	53	47	35	9	4	35	13	6	6	378	185	104	104	Yes																
31	Warlick's.....	James Hildebrand, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs.	10	9	10	9	12	12	12	12	10	16	16	6	6	84	60	60	60	Yes																
32	Wayside.....	Albert Leatherman, 323 11th St. Pl. S. W., Hickory.	202	1006	752	1085	1515	1182	579	535	101	1387	2772	291	175	11,642	6,236	3,986	3,986	20	3,986	16														
Totals.....			202	1006	752	1085	1515	1182	579	535	101	1387	2772	291	175	11,642	6,236	3,986	3,986	20	3,986	16														

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TABLE C. TRAINING UNION OF THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1960

Index Number	CHURCHES	Associational Director Wayne Ruddle Icard	TRAINING UNION ENROLLMENT													
			Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People, Single	Young People, Married	Adults, 25-34	Adults, 35 and up	General Officers	Mission Enrollment	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance	Observe Youth Week?
1	Brookford.....	Paul Pope, 150 10th Ave. S W, Hickory.....	5		8	10	8	10		9	11	9		66	46	Yes
2	Catawba.....	Mrs. Newell Eades, Catawba.....					2	2			7	3		14	12	Yes
3	Charmont, First.....	Clifford E. Spencer, Rt. 2, Newton.....	1		15	15	6	15		22		1		75	34	Yes
4	Conover, First.....	R. L. Keller, Route 1, Conover.....		11	7	15	10	10		23		3		69	48	Yes
5	Corinth.....	C. F. Rudolph, Route 1, Hickory.....		11	6	18	14	4		10	20	2		81	57	Yes
6	Grace.....	Howard Henderson, Hickory.....		3	5	8	8	3			10	5		38	20	Yes
7	Hickory, Calvary.....	John Asherbranner, 1705 13th Ave. S W, Hickory.....	5			12	13	4		14		3		53	26	
8	Community.....															
9	East Hickory.....	Chernie Self, 1006 E Ave. S E, Hickory.....	11	10	22	36	23	15	25		55	4		201	111	Yes
10	" East Hickory Mission.....	Morris L. Johnson, Rt. 2, Conover.....	4	9	10	13	5			5	12	3		61	42	Yes
11	" First.....	Miss Ann Felton, 836 8th St. N W, Hickory.....	15	19	32	39	28	15	25	5	67	7		262	153	Yes
12	" Highland.....	Joe F. Gardner, 862 Highland Ave. N E, Hickory.....	9	10	35	81	82	22	30	45		6		290	200	Yes
13	" (a) Midway Mission.....	Mrs. T. H. Pope, Route 1, Conover.....	10	10	18	29	32	7	30	19	19	2		172	95	Yes
14	" Highland Total.....		10	10	25	35	38	38	30	28	19	7		202	118	
15	" Longview.....	John Munday, 407 26th St. S W, Hickory.....	8	14	15	21	23	14	16	17	17	5		133	91	Yes
16	" Oakland Heights.....	Mrs. Ellen Townsend, Rt. 2, Hickory.....		4	8	14	4	5		18	45	3		55	27	Yes
17	" Penelope.....	Bonard Phillips, 24 25th St. N W, Hickory.....	11	10	13	43	54	2		23		4		220	130	Yes
18	" Temple.....	John Stephens, Rt. 2, Box 234-C, Connelly Springs.....	11	2	7	26	13	9	27			3		94	56	Yes
19	" Viewmont.....	W. J. Barnes, 1240 11th St. N W, Hickory.....	25	17	27	62	68	13	27	23	55	5		324	190	Yes
20	" West Hickory.....	Keith Mull, 1081 17th Ave. N W, Hickory.....	11	34	21	58	49	23	35	19	3			253	133	Yes
21	Hildebran, First.....	Tom Stephens, Rt. 4, Box 312, Hickory.....	7	16	25	44	44	20	21	22	19	5		223	116	Yes
22	Icard.....	Mrs. Vernon Daugherty, Box 125, Icard.....	5	9	7	11	13	15	15	8	8	1		78	35	Yes
23	Mountain Grove.....	Albert Kirby, Rt. 3, Hickory.....	6	9	19	25	14	18	32					123		Yes
24	Newton, First.....	Mrs. Paul Causler, Rt. 1, Newton.....				19	18	16	18	20	4	4		77	33	Yes
25	" North.....	H. C. Hassler, Rt. 2, Newton.....	2	3	19	20	8	19			18	4		99	59	Yes
26	Oyana.....															
27	Providence.....	Buddy Whitener, Rt. 1, Box 234, Hickory.....	1			5	8	8	12	22		5		61	40	Yes
28	Sandy Ridge.....	Floyd Barger, Rt. 3, Box 606, Hickory.....	4	5	7	14	10		10	12	12	8		82	62	Yes
29	Spring Road.....	Mrs. Warner Benge, Rt. 1, Box 55-F, Conover.....	9	10	17	25	21	6		21	7	4		120	63	Yes
30	Starlow.....	Mrs. Emmett Huffman, Rt. 1, Newton.....			8	9	5				8	3		33	20	
31	Sweetwater.....	Robert Lail, 256 21st S E, Hickory.....	7		9	10				26	10	3		65	27	
32	Warlick's.....	Mrs. Mary Lowman, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs.....	4	8	12	32	37	15	21	23		3		155	54	Yes
33	Wayside.....															
Totals.....			156	200	347	689	594	258	108	455	372	106		3,345	1,810	18

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TABLE D. CHURCH MUSIC OF THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1960

Index Number	CHURCHES	Associational Music Director James Snyder 541 1st St. N W, Hickory	Minister of Music or Choir Director of Churches and Addresses	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adult	General Officers	Mission Enrolment	Total Enrolment	Average Attendance	September—Church Music Month Observed	No. Copies Church Musician Usually Ordered	Name of Hymnal Used in Auditorium
1	Brookford.....		Mrs. Bessie Wells, c/o Brookford Baptist Church, Brookford.						30			30	20		4	Baptist
2	Catawba.....		Johnnie Shubert, Rt. 2, Newton						15			15	12			Broadman
3	Claremont, First.....		Dillard Morgan, Rt. 2, Box 50, Conover						25	2		47	35			Broadman
4	Conover, First.....		Mrs. Troy Stallings, Rt. 1, Hickory		10		10		20			40	30			Broadman
5	Concord.....		Ray Page, Hildebran												2	Broadman
6	Grace.....		Dwight Dowell, Statesville Bible Inst., Statesville													Broadman
7	Hickory, Calvary.....		Lloyd Pittman, 4th St. Lane N E, Hickory					32		2		64	50		2	Broadman
8	" Community.....		Raymond Hagie, 236 21st St. S E, Hickory	30												Baptist
9	" East Hickory.....															Baptist
10	" (a) E. Hickory Mission.....															Baptist
11	" East Hickory Total.....															Baptist
12	" First.....		David O. Byler, 616 N. Center St., Hickory	30	40	62	119	32	138	6		398	280	Yes	55	Baptist
13	" Highland.....		James W. Snyder, 541 1st St. N W, Hickory	13		6	5		25			49	44	Yes	25	Broadman
14	" (a) Midway Mission.....															Broadman
15	" Highland Total.....			13		6	5		25			49	44			Baptist
16	" Longview.....		Paul Coffey, 1821 13th Ave. S W, Hickory													Modern
17	" Oakland Heights.....		Walter Daniels, 58 34th St. N W, Hickory			10	6	4	15			35	60	Yes	30	Baptist
18	" Penelope.....		Handley Ellington, 549 N. Center St., Hickory	25		20	30		26			101	15	Yes	20	New Baptist
19	" Temple.....		Miss Nell Pruitt, Rt. 1, Box 600, Hickory						50			145	115	Yes	41	Baptist
20	" Viewmont.....		Charles Brown, 127 14th St. N W, Hickory	17	20	33	25		37			147	107		40	Modern
21	" West Hickory.....		Edison Day, Rt. 4, Box 836, Hickory	15	32	24	21	18		5		105	64	Yes	25	Baptist
22	Hildebran, First.....		Eddie Holbrook, P. O. Box 135, Hildebran	12	12	23	24	11	18			22	11	Yes	3	Baptist
23	Icard.....		Harry Mull, Icard									24			7	Broadman
24	Mountain Grove.....		Rev. L. V. Connell, Rt. 1, Hickory						30			30	15			New Baptist
25	Newton, First.....		Rev. Lye, 1724 N. Stewart Ave., Newton						20	6		48	20	Yes	25	Broadman
26	" North.....		Mrs. Janice Haas, Conover			10		12								Broadman
27	Ovama.....		Buddy Whitener, Rt. 1, Box 234, Hickory													Broadman
28	Providence.....		Cecil J. Baker, Jr., Rt. 5, Hickory													Modern
29	Sandy Ridge.....		Ray Hurley, Rt. 2, Hickory					10	18			28	22		6	Baptist
30	Startown.....		Mrs. E. O. Miller, Rt. 1, Newton	8					14			32				Broadman
31	Sweetwater.....		Edward E. Martin, 528 21st St. S W, Hickory							3		21	15		1	Baptist
32	Warlick's.....		Mrs. Vera Knox, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs													Voice of Praise
33	Wayside.....															
Totals.....				83	180	208	260	87	533	22		1,423	915	8	286	

Miss Helen Cater, Clerk, Hickory.

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TABLE E. BROTHERHOOD WORK OF THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE YEAR
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1960

Index Number	CHURCHES	Associational Brotherhood President Wayne DeHart P. O. Box 495, Annex, Hickory	PRESIDENTS OF MEN'S BROTHERHOODS AND ADDRESSES	CHRM. ROYAL AMBASSADOR CO. AND ADDRESSES	No. Junior R. A. Chapters	Junior R. A. Enrollment	No. Intermediate R. A. Chapters	Intermediate R. A. Enrollment	Total R. A. Enrollment	Young Men's Brotherhood Enrollment	Men's Brotherhood Enrollment	Total Men	Grand Total Enrollment
1	Brookford												
2	Catawba												
3	Claremont, First		Floyd Watts, S. Depot St., Claremont.		1	15		15			12	12	27
4	Conover, First		R. L. Keller, Rt. 1, Conover.				1	9	9		15	15	24
5	Corinth												
6	Grace		E. J. Jackson, Rt. 3, Hickory								7	7	7
7	Hickory, Calvary												
8	" Community												
9	" East Hickory				1	8			8		16	16	24
10	" (a) E. Hickory Mission.		Ralph Deal, 1047 19th St. N. E., Hickory.		1	8			8		16	16	24
11	" East Hickory Total.				1						135	135	135
12	" First		Frelon W. Broome, 345 7th Ave. Pl., N. W., Hickory.		1	6	1	7	13		42	42	55
13	" Highland		V. H. White, P. O. Box 355, Hickory		1								
14	" (a) Midway Mission.				1	6	1	7	13		42	42	55
15	" Highland Total.				1		1	15	15		33	33	48
16	" Longview		Julius Cook, Jr., 2119 13th Ave. S. W., Hickory.										
17	" Oakland Heights				1	10	1	8	18		42	42	60
18	" Penelope		Cliff Rector, 244 32d St. S. W., Hickory.		1	15			15		20	20	35
19	" Temple		J. Z. Fulbright, 1227 10th Ave. Dr. S. E., Hickory		2	30	1	8	38		105	105	143
20	" West Hickory		Barney Sigmon, 1610 4th St. Dr. N. E., Hickory		1	32			32		32	32	64
21	" Weymouth		Ralph E. Bolek, 151 34th St. N. W., Hickory		1	25	1	16	41		28	28	69
22	Hildebran, First		Richard Good, Box 337, Longview Sta., Hickory		1	8			8		11	11	19
23	Icard		Roy Simpson, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs.		1						20	20	45
24	Mountain Grove		Everette Davis, Rt. 1, Hickory		1	10	1	25	25		56	56	71
25	Newtown, First		Carl Fye, 1714 N. Stewart Ave., Newton.		1	5		5	15		34	34	42
26	" North		Floyd Davis, Rt. 1, Newton.		1	8			8				
27	Oyana												
28	Providence												
29	Sandy Ridge		Bill Pollard, 1776 17th Ave. N. E., Hickory.		2	13	1	5	18		14	14	32
30	Springs Road		Ray Killian, Rt. 2, Box 145, Hickory.		1	20	1	8	28		15	15	43
31	Stardown		Clarence Smith, Rt. 1, Newton		1	9			9		4	4	13
32	Sweetwater		Melvin Lockman, 200 21st S. E., Hickory		1	15			15		12	12	27
33	Warlick's		Walter Starnes, Rhodhiss.		1	16	1	11	27		8	20	55
34	Wayside												
Totals					18	240	11	117	357	8	673	681	1,038

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**TABLE F. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1960**

Index Number	CHURCHES	Associational President Mrs. B. R. Holbrook P. O. Box 136, Hildebran	Sunbeam Units	G. A. Units	Y. W. A. Units	W. M. S. Units	Total Units	Sunbeam Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	W. M. S. Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Total Tithers All Organizations
1	Brookford.	Mrs. Floyd Edwards, Catawba.	1	1	1	2	5	2	5	5	24	36	10
2	Catawba.	Mrs. S. G. Panther, Claremont.	1	2	1	1	4	12	15	16	16	43	9
3	Claremont, First.	Rebecca Townsend, General Delivery, Conover.	1	1	1	1	2	4	4	11	11	15	6
4	Conover, First.	Mrs. James Graham, Rt. 3, Vale.	1	2	1	1	1	8	15	40	40	63	21
5	Corinth.	Mrs. D. E. Couch, Sr., 802 3rd St., S E, Hickory.					1	1		9	9	9	9
6	Grace.												
7	Hickory, Calvary.												
8	" Community.	Mrs. Clyde Holton, 730 2nd Ave. S W, Hickory.			1	1	3		9	8	13	30	27
9	" East Hickory.	Mrs. James Guthrie, 1412 Main Ave. S E, Hickory.	2	2	1	4	9	24	27	8	51	110	47
10	" (a) East Hickory Mission.	Mrs. J. S. Williams, Box 264, Conover.	2	1	1	2	5	21	7	33	33	61	21
11	" East Hickory Total.		4	3	1	6	14	45	34	8	84	171	68
12	" First.	Mrs. Lawrence Nichols, 328 5th Ave. N E, Hickory.	5	8	2	21	36	79	103	15	308	505	297
13	" Highland.	Mrs. Cecil J. Perkins, Box 477, Hickory.	2	2	1	6	11	42	21	14	74	151	65
14	" (a) Midway Mission.												
15	" Highland Total.		2	2	1	6	11	42	21	14	74	151	65
16	" Longview.	Mrs. Ray Woody, 135 10th Ave. S E, Hickory.				2	4		22		21	43	17
17	" Oakland Heights.	Mrs. Ellen Townsend, Rt. 2, Hickory.	1			3	4	20			30	50	15
18	" Penelope.	Mrs. Robert Ledbetter, 3133 6th Avenue S W, Hickory.	3	5	1	9	18	27	73	13	114	227	101
19	" Viewmont.	Mrs. Alan Younce, 817 5th St. S E, Hickory.	4	2	1	4	11	27	23	6	36	92	49
20	" West Hickory.	Mrs. Eugene Hall, 2908 4th Street N E, Hickory.	4	7	1	1	13	97	87	14	93	291	
21	Hildebran, First.	Mrs. J. C. Dula, 305 12th Street S W, Hickory.	3	3	1	6	13	39	53	13	101	206	96
22	Icard.	Mrs. B. M. Cook, 1348 2nd Street S W, Hickory.	4	4	1	5	14	72	55	9	53	189	68
23	Mountain Grove.	Mrs. Paul Bean, Rt. 1, Connolly Springs.	1	2	1	1	5	20	28	11	19	78	29
24	Newtown, First.	Mrs. R. A. Lackey, Route 1, Box 137, Hickory.	3	2		4	9	37	22	5	53	112	40
25	" North.	Mrs. James A. Matson, 809 S. Cline Avenue, Newton.	2	2	1	7	12	41	21	5	81	148	60
26	Oyama.	Mrs. Fred Tate, 2030 N. Shipp Avenue, Newton.	2	2	1	3	8	18	39	10	43	110	64
27	Providence.	Mrs. Alma Young, Route 4, Hickory.											3
28	Sandy Ridge.	Mrs. Van Foster, Route 2, Hickory.	1	2		4	7	13	18		39	70	43
29	Springs Road.	Mrs. Ray Killian, Rt. 2, Box 145, Hickory.	2	2		2	6	16	19		24	59	44
30	Startown.	Mrs. Kenneth M. Bowen, Rt. 1, Newton.	1	1		1	3	7	8		7	22	4
31	Sweetwater.	Mrs. Jack Lingerfelt, 227 21st Street S E, Hickory.				2	2				20	30	10
32	Warlick's.	Mrs. Albert Berry, Icard.	2	1	1	1	5	11	19	10	26	66	25
33	Wayside.	Mrs. Harold Klutz, 204 12th St. N W, Hickory.				1	1				11	11	5
Totals.			47	57	15	96	216	633	693	141	1,372	2,839	1,185

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TABLE G. BUILDING—GOALS FOR THE COMING YEAR—SPECIAL INFORMATION OF THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1960

Index Number	CHURCHES	CHAIRMEN OF RECREATION COMMITTEES AND ADDRESSES										Total Church Debt at End of Year	Cooperative Program, % of Total Budget	Association Mission Goal Coming Year	Do Church and Pastor Participate in Relief and Annuity Board Protection Plan?	Does your Church Employ a Church Secretary(ies) for at Least Half-time?	Does Church Have Week- day Kindergarten?	Does Church Have Motion Picture Projector?	How Many Filmstrips Projectors Does Your Church Own?	
		Value of Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home	Money Spent on New Construction, Property, Church Material, and Equipment.	Money Spent on New Material, and Equip., for Mission Operated by Church	4,250.00	2,950.00	50%	60.00	Yes	Yes									Yes
1	Brookford.....	3,500.00	28,500.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2	Catawba.....	5,000.00	106,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3	Claremont, First.....	12,000.00	28,000.00	425.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	Conover, First.....	.....	40,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	Corinth.....	16,000.00	75,000.00	10,376.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	Grace.....	.....	10,000.00	500.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
7	Hickory, Calvary.....	.....	75,000.00	443.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
8	" Community.....	.....	50,000.00	776.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
9	" East Hickory.....	15,500.00	200,000.00	100,609.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
10	" (a) E. Hickory Mission.....	19,250.00	19,250.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
11	" East Hickory Total.....	34,750.00	219,250.00	100,609.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
12	" First.....	50,000.00	833,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
13	" Highland.....	30,000.00	241,000.00	12,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
14	" (a) Midway Mission.....	.....	12,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
15	" Highland Total.....	30,000.00	253,000.00	14,127.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
16	" Longview.....	7,000.00	60,432.00	287.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
17	" Oakland Heights.....	15,000.00	250,000.00	50,460.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
18	" Penelope.....	15,000.00	80,000.00	500.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
19	" Temple.....	28,000.00	529,000.00	2,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	" Viewmont.....	30,000.00	355,000.00	613.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
21	" West Hickory.....	20,000.00	102,500.00	8,117.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
22	Hildebran, First.....	21,000.00	61,000.00	5,224.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
23	" Icard.....	15,003.00	80,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
24	" Mountain Grove.....	22,000.00	128,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
25	" Newton, First.....	13,725.00	84,725.00	754.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
26	" North.....	16,500.00	30,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
27	Oyama.....	20,000.00	70,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
28	" Providence.....	10,000.00	100,000.00	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
29	" Sandy Ridge.....	38,833.00	33,000.00	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
30	" Springs Road.....	5,000.00	11,000.00	71.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
31	" Startown.....	17,000.00	2,078.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
32	" Sweetwater.....	8,000.00	126,000.00	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Warlick's.....	25,000.00
	Wayside.....
	Totals.....	418,475.00	3880240.00	200,359.00	4,250.00	716,471.00	7,322.00
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TABLE I. MISSION EXPENDITURES OF THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1960

Index Number	CHURCHES	Associational Missionary None	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Cooperative Program	Designated Association	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Designated Christian Education, Schools	Designated Children's Homes	Designated Hospitals	Other designated objects Bible Society, Homes for Aged, etc.	Total Mission Expenditures
1	Brookford		Ernest L. Pope, 1590 S. Center St., Hickory	6,691.00					300.00	1,847.00	103.00	396.00	9,337.00
2	Catawba		Miss Edna Danner, P. O. Box 83, Catawba	1,421.00	162.00	72.00	100.00	133.00	26.00	463.00	186.00	95.00	2,708.00
3	Claremont, First		Mrs. Jeanette Shubert, Rt. 2, Newton	433.00	36.00		44.00	54.00		27.00	40.00		631.00
4	Conover, First		Mrs. Franklin Tuggle, Rt. 2, Box 568, Newton	35.00		5.00		31.00			20.00	13.00	104.00
5	Corinth		Miss Elma Stallings, Route 3, Vale	438.00	120.00	118.00	43.00	199.00		253.00	60.00	78.00	1,309.00
6	Grace		Melvin R. Couch, North Main St., Lenoir	10.00	20.00	10.00	23.00	4.00		10.00	5.00	3.00	83.00
7	Hickory, Calvary		Mrs. David W. Hollar, 1210 18th St. S. W., Hickory				492.00	100.00	947.00	25.00	40.00	889.00	2,493.00
8	" Community		Miss Barbara Ball, Box 166, Hickory	161.00	24.00	20.00	121.00	10.00			26.00		362.00
9	" East Hickory		Jeanette Walker, 921 15th St. N. E., Hickory	2,690.00	204.00	118.00	69.00	300.00		71.00	51.00	51.00	3,524.00
10	" (a) E. Hickory Mission		Mrs. H. L. Maxwell, 5th St. N. E., Conover	1,144.00	104.00	77.00	198.00	436.00	10.00	16.00	56.00	22.00	1,934.00
11	" East Hickory Total			3,744.00	308.00	195.00	1,237.00	736.00	1,625.00	87.00	107.00	73.00	5,458.00
12	" First		James R. Glenn, 1228 12th St. Cr. N. E., Hickory	47,607.00	1,500.00	1,091.00	2,307.00	4,841.00	1,625.00	1,136.00	782.00	1,457.00	61,276.00
13	" Highland		V. H. White, P. O. Box 355, Hickory	8,513.00	720.00	204.00	291.00	946.00	138.00	228.00	225.00	125.00	11,990.00
14	" (a) Midway Mission		Miss Hazel Pope, Route 1, Conover	91.00	12.00			7.00	16.00	10.00	13.00	10.00	159.00
15	" Highland Total			8,604.00	732.00	204.00	224.00	953.00	154.00	238.00	238.00	135.00	11,549.00
16	" Longview		Mrs. Nelle K. Hubbard, 34 20th St. S. W., Hickory	838.00	120.00		231.00	64.00			33.00		1,279.00
17	" Oakland Heights		Mrs. Carl King, Rt. 1, Box 557-A, Hickory	300.00	42.00	12.00	20.00	48.00		112.00	14.00		548.00
18	" Penelope		Cecil Sigmon, 318 33rd St. S. W., Hickory	10,227.00	493.00	24.00	226.00	1,156.00	72.00	41.00	97.00	71.00	12,407.00
19	" Temple		J. Z. Fulbright, 1227 10th Av. Dr. S. E., Hickory	1,608.00	220.00	26.00	90.00	207.00	16.00	49.00	52.00	35.00	2,303.00
20	" Viewmont		Dyke Little, Viewmont Apts., Hickory	8,107.00	800.00	229.00	315.00	1,861.00	320.00	238.00	159.00	398.00	12,427.00
21	" West Hickory		James A. Pierce, 942 14th St. Dr. S. E., Hickory	10,073.00	825.00	110.00	250.00	1,360.00		300.00	400.00	396.00	13,854.00
22	Hildebran, First		Mrs. J. D. Hoyle, P. O. Box 442, Hildebran	3,108.00	396.00	71.00	304.00	3,310.00	100.00	185.00	133.00	190.00	7,797.00
23	Icard		James L. Ledford, Icard	992.00	156.00	50.00	107.00	403.00	20.00	100.00	75.00	25.00	1,928.00
24	Mountain Grove		Mrs. Glenn Hensley, Route 1, Hickory	1,219.00	204.00	85.00	67.00	304.00	88.00	166.00	100.00	224.00	2,457.00
25	Newton, First		Mrs. B. B. Woddfin, 507 S. Cline Ave., Newton	4,670.00	580.00	180.00	510.00	1,362.00		371.00	3.00	86.00	7,792.00
26	" North		Kenneth Spencer, Route 2, Newton	2,498.00	238.00	50.00	44.00	200.00	50.00	97.00	23.00	474.00	3,662.00
27	Oyama		Mrs. Ben H. Roberts, Rt. 2, Box 63, Conover	200.00	30.00	25.00		88.00		43.00	14.00		400.00
28	Providence		Mrs. Millie Whitenen, Rt. 4, Box 380, Hickory	150.00	132.00			207.00	70.00	300.00	250.00	76.00	1,185.00
29	Sandy Ridge		Mrs. Donna Page, Rt. 3, Box 663, Hickory	480.00	204.00			290.00		95.00	35.00	25.00	1,129.00
30	Springs Road		Roy Lafone, Route 2, Hickory	1,496.00	50.00	3.00	45.00	124.00	35.00	29.00	21.00	19.00	1,822.00
31	Startown		Mrs. Emmitt Huffman, Route 1, Newton	135.00	25.00	13.00	4.00	21.00	15.00	12.00	20.00	15.00	260.00
32	Sweetwater		Mrs. J. C. Sanders, 1918 5th Ave. S. E., Hickory	307.00	60.00	12.00	10.00	45.00			9.00	10.00	453.00
33	Warlick's		E. T. Berry, Icard		100.00			22.00		11.00	19.00		1,397.00
34	Wayside		Mrs. Harold Klutz, 204 12th St. N. W., Hickory	1,237.00	60.00			11.00	8.00				71.00
Totals													
				116,787.00	7,627.00	2,605.00	4,765.00	18,334.00	3,856.00	6,235.00	3,064.00	5,183.00	168,456.00

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